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**InfiniBand® Trade Association Announces New Steering Committee**  
*Organization Leadership Includes Key Enterprise Developers*

Portland, Ore., November 6, 2002 - The InfiniBand Trade Association (IBTA) today announced an expansion of the trade association's steering committee to nine members. Beginning in January 2003, InfiniSwitch, Lane15 Software and Mellanox will join current steering committee member companies: Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Intel, IBM, Network Appliance, and Sun Microsystems.

The election comes at a pivotal time for the InfiniBand industry, as companies prepare for widespread InfiniBand product deployment in 2003. InfiniBand™ architecture improves the way data centers are built, deployed, and managed by efficiently speeding communication between nodes in an InfiniBand fabric.

"2003 represents the launching point for InfiniBand fabric connectivity to data centers worldwide," said Tom Macdonald, general manager of Intel's Advanced Components Division and Intel's representative to the InfiniBand Trade Association steering committee. "The addition of leading InfiniBand startups to the association steering committee provides an important perspective to the direction of the InfiniBand Trade Association."

"The expansion of the steering committee provides a larger cross section of industry leaders now that InfiniBand products have entered the marketplace," said Tom Bradicich, co-chair, InfiniBand Trade Association and CTO, xSeries Servers at IBM. "These companies will strengthen the InfiniBand Trade Association as they help chart the course of InfiniBand architecture and its adoption by end users."

Started in August 1999, the InfiniBand Trade Association is made up of over 180 companies from every segment of the industry. The most recent version of the InfiniBand specifications, 1.0.a was made available in June 2001. This specification is publicly available for purchase and download from the Trade Association Website: [www.infinibandta.org](http://www.infinibandta.org). The InfiniBand Trade Association is comprised of eight special workgroups, each with its own charter and area of expertise. The workgroups include: Marketing, Technical, Applications, Compliance and Interoperability, ElectroMechanical, Link, Management, and Software.

### **About InfiniBand Trade Association**

The Internet is creating an increased demand for server computer I/O subsystem performance, scalability, reliability and flexibility. A shift to a switched fabric - based I/O architecture will enable industry participants to meet this increased demand. The InfiniBand Trade Association developed a specification for a channel-based, switched fabric architecture that provides a scalable performance range of 500Mbyte/s to 6 Gbyte/s, meeting the needs from entry level to high-end enterprise systems. InfiniBand Trade Association represents the industry's choice for developing I/O technologies that will keep pace with the demands of the Internet age.

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