Supporting Quotes
Open Grid Forum
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"AMD is pleased to see the formation of the OGF. We look forward to working closely with this unique grid standards body to help accelerate enterprise adoption of grid computing."

 ─ Monica Behncke, Director, Commercial Strategy and Solutions, AMD

"The merger of the rich traditions of research innovation of the GGF and the standards-driven products and services of the EGA provides a significant opportunity to address existing and future complex distributed computing requirements and challenges. The OGF has the potential to have an immediate impact and far-reaching implications across diverse user communities. The evolution of grid computing into a mainstream technology has moved a step closer. "

 ─ J.S. Hurley, Senior Manager, Distributed Software and Systems Integration, The Boeing Company and Editor-at-Large, GRIDtoday Publications

"Driving standards in grid computing on a scalable enterprise infrastructure will allow Dell customers to simplify operations and enhance utilization. The creation of the Open Grid Forum will strengthen the movement toward an environment of less complexity and cost in the data center."

 ─ Paul Prince, Director Server Architecture, Dell

"The Distributed Management Task Force (DMTF) is pleased to see the leading grid standards organizations join forces as the Open Grid Forum. As the industry organization leading the development of management standards and the promotion of interoperability for enterprise and Internet environments, the DMTF has had alliance partner agreements with both the EGA and the GGF. We look forward to working with this combined entity, utilizing the DMTF's Common Information Model (CIM) and Web-Based Enterprise Management (WBEM) standards in grid implementations for the good of the industry."

 ─ Winston Bumpus, President, Distributed Management Task Force

"Creation of the Open Grid Forum is a landmark moment for industry-wide grid collaboration. As a key player in the development of grid technologies for next generation information infrastructures, EMC has held leadership roles in both the EGA and the GGF. Through this perspective, EMC has actively pursued this convergence to ensure that all facets of the worldwide IT industry – government, scientific, academia/research, and commercial – work together to create a common set of grid solutions, faster creation of unified standards and, ultimately, faster grid adoption."

 ─ Ian Baird, General Manager for Grid and Utility Computing, EMC Corporation.

"Grid computing has made massive inroads in both enterprise and research environments. The EGA pioneered the holistic enterprise-focused approach to grid computing, while the GGF has clear thought leadership in all aspects of the technically oriented grid concept. The new organization combines the technical and operational strengths of both the EGA and the GGF, and will create substantial value for the comprehensive adoption of grid computing in all relevant application scenarios and market environments."

— Bernd Kosch, Vice President Alliances, Fujitsu Siemens Computers and Member of the EGA Board of Directors

"HP, having played key roles in both organizations, applauds the merger of the Global Grid Forum and the Enterprise Grid Alliance. Combining the strengths of the EGA and the GGF is an important step toward bringing the power of open, vendor-neutral standards of grid technology to the enterprise."

— Greg Astfalk, Chief Scientist, Office of Strategy and Technology, HP

"The new Open Grid Forum will drive a focused approach to the grid standards process resulting in accelerated collaboration, development and adoption of standards that enable more rapid grid implementation across academia, research, education, large enterprises and small businesses. These open standards are essential to the deployment of a dynamic infrastructure layer that will fuel innovation in the market, as well as enable better performance, flexibility and qualities of service for SOA implementations. We believe this will drive a unified forum for the grid community to share best practices and requirements for new grid implementations."

— Ken King, Vice President, Grid Computing, IBM

"The adoption of grid technology continues to gain significant momentum across many mainstream industries; so, it is critical now more than ever to have a worldwide organization leading the way toward robust, widely adopted grid standards, which in turn, enable the volume economics of commercially available, interoperable solutions and building blocks. The merger between the EGA and the GGF is an important convergence of leadership that will further help to increase the pace of standards development. It will also welcome IT and line-of-business end users to express their requirements and to learn how to apply grid technology. Finally, it will create an opportunity for vendors and developers to influence standards to be more cost effective and valuable to implement."

— Robert Fogel, Worldwide Director, Grid & Service-Oriented IT, Intel Corporation and GGF Vice-Chairman of Communities

"Micron is pleased to see the completion of the EGA and GGF merger. We feel that the merged organization will accelerate the completion of a minimally sufficient set of grid standards and their adoption across the grid industry. Further we feel the needs of enterprise users, like Micron, will also be more fully addressed as the merged organization embraces the enterprise grid community."

— Brooklin Gore, Senior IT Fellow, Micron Technology, Inc.

"Microsoft very much welcomes the merger of the EGA and the GGF. I believe this merger will certainly accelerate the take-up of grid technology. The pragmatism of the industrially focused EGA combined with the research strengths of the GGF, will provide complementary strengths and the Open Grid Forum will be a stronger organization than either as a result."

— Tony Hey, Vice President of Technical Computing, Microsoft

"The favorable economics that grid computing promises will be realized through the pervasive adoption of well thought-out grid standards. While the EGA and the GGF made significant progress in their related areas of focus, the merger of the two into the new Open Grid Forum will provide the go-to leadership for enterprise-wide, grid standards. These open standards will benefit both the business and technical end users of grid technology, enabling rapid deployment, interoperability and lower management costs. As a major provider of storage in the grid, cluster and HPC markets, Network Appliance looks forward to continuing to play a leadership role as the OGF drives the development of grid standards."

— Michael Szelong, Senior Director, Corporate Development, Network Appliance and Member of the EGA Board of Directors

"Oracle is pleased to see the spirit that lead to the creation and ultimate success of the Enterprise Grid Alliance clearly embodied in the mission of the Open Grid Forum. Oracle is proud of its history of compliance with standards and its active participation in standards forums. We look forward to contributing to OGF's progress toward establishing relevant grid standards."

— Charles Rozwat, Executive Vice President, Oracle

"The Storage Networking Industry Association (SNIA) is pleased to see the leading grid standards organizations joining forces as the Open Grid Forum. With SNIA providing standards like SMI-S to manage and provision storage, as well as manage data, we see the collaboration between the SNIA and the OGF essential to deliver manageable and interoperable grid and utility computing solutions to the IT industry."

— Wayne M. Adams, Chair, Board of Directors, Storage Networking Industry Association

"As the first corporate sponsor of the GGF, and a founding member of the EGA, Sun Microsystems considers the merger of these organizations a victory for the acceleration of grid standards. As the needs of managing workloads on a horizontally scaled infrastructure converge, both the enterprise and high-performance computing segments are hot spots for grid management technologies. We look forward to working with the Open Grid Forum on the continued evolution of grid management standards."

— Subodh Bapat, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, N1 Systems / Customer Networked Services, Sun Microsystems

"W3C warmly welcomes the merger of the EGA and the GGF, the two most important grid standardization forums. We look forward to working with the Open Grid Forum to identify synergies in Web and grid technologies, expanding the benefits of both."

— Steven R. Bratt, CEO, World Wide Web Consortium