



HDSL2 Consortium Members to Develop Interoperability Test Plan; November 30th Meeting Scheduled at the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory

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DURHAM, N.H.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 15, 1999--The University of New Hampshire (UNH) InterOperability Laboratory HDSL2 Consortium will meet on November 30, 1999 at the New England Conference Center in Durham, NH on the UNH campus. This Consortium meeting will serve as the springboard for the election of the HDSL2 Consortium Steering Committee and the formation of an HDSL2 interoperability test plan. Participating in this meeting are existing HDSL2 Consortium Members, including ADC, ADTRAN, Conexant, GlobeSpan, Level One Communications, and PairGain(R). The meeting is also open to companies preparing for Consortium membership.

"Having an HDSL2 test plan is essential if the industry is to avoid problems such as the interoperability issues that occurred with early ISDN deployments," says Scott Valcourt, HDSL2 Consortium Manager of the UNH InterOperability Laboratory. "This is an important step in securing a universal interoperable state of the emerging HDSL2 standard."

Dedicated to overcoming the challenges of developing a test plan that addresses the complexities of the HDSL2 protocol, the group anticipates the completion of a testing framework by January 31, 2000, which coincides with the expected ratification of the HDSL2 standard by the ANSI T1E1.4 committee. The final test plan, slated for completion by March 30, 2000, will be used by the HDSL2 Consortium at the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory to test HDSL2 products for interoperability of devices.

All parties interested in participating in the meeting, be they members of the HDSL2 Consortium or not, should contact Scott Valcourt at the University of New Hampshire InterOperability Laboratory or view the registration materials on the website at <http://www.iol.unh.edu>.

About the UNH InterOperability Laboratory

The University of New Hampshire is the Land, Sea and Space Grant public university of the State of New Hampshire. The InterOperability Laboratory, founded in 1988, serves to educate students in computer communications technology and to foster interoperability within the 18 industry groups involved in the Laboratory. More than 100 worldwide companies are members of the UNH InterOperability Laboratory. For more information, visit the UNH InterOperability Laboratory at <http://www.iol.unh.edu>

About the Participating Vendors

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