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NEC Joins JBoss Authorized Service Partner Program

Strategic Partnership to Drive Open Source Adoption in the Enterprise and Public Sector

ATLANTA—June 6, 2005—JBoss, Inc., the Professional Open Source company, today announced that NEC Corporation, one of the leading providers of Internet, broadband network and enterprise business solutions, has become a premier-level JBoss Authorized Service Partner (JASP) in Japan, further expanding JBoss' presence in the Asia-Pacific market.

NEC is seeing rapid open source software adoption in the enterprise and public sector. To capitalize on this opportunity, in May 2004 NEC launched its open source software middleware division, which focuses on driving adoption of open source software for mission-critical systems. NEC is partnering with JBoss to expand its support services for this market.

“NEC believes that this partnership will accelerate the use of popular, enterprise-class open source software, such as JBoss Application Server and Apache Tomcat, by meeting the demand for highest-quality supporting services on these products,” said Mr. Koichi Ikumi, senior vice president, Software Business Unit, NEC. “JBoss is an important partner in NEC's open source strategy, which NEC anticipates achieving 200 sales in the next two years from open source software-related support services.”

As a JBoss Authorized Service Partner (JASP), NEC will provide Professional Open Source services for JBoss Application Server and Apache Tomcat, both market leaders in their domains. Recently, the JBoss Application Server placed in the Leaders Quadrant of the Gartner 2005 Enterprise Application Servers Magic Quadrant. NEC will capitalize on the growing demand for JBoss services by providing first- and second-level support, as well as consulting and training on JBoss Application Server and Apache Tomcat. As a JASP, NEC will have access to the JBoss Network™, a subscription-based support network that streamlines technical knowledge, software updates and application administration for all JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS™) products.

Tom Cooper, vice president of worldwide channels, JBoss, Inc. commented, “JBoss is pleased to work with NEC to further fuel the adoption of open source for enterprise deployments. Partners are important to our Professional Open Source model and JBoss is committed to standing behind them as we do with our JEMS technologies.”

About JBoss, Inc.

Through its Professional Open Source model, JBoss, Inc. is making open source a safe choice for the enterprise. JBoss provides the resources, technology direction, core development and support services that enable popular open source projects to scale into enterprise-class open source software. These projects include JBoss Application Server, Hibernate, JBoss jBPM, JBoss Portal, JBoss Eclipse IDE and Apache Tomcat, which are core components of the JBoss Enterprise Middleware System (JEMS). Companies like Corporate Express, La Quinta and Nielsen Media Research rely on JEMS for mission-critical enterprise applications. Partners embedding JEMS and reselling JBoss services include Computer Associates, HP, Novell and Unisys. JBoss has headquarters in Atlanta, Ga. and Neuchâtel, Switzerland. For additional information, please visit www.jboss.com.

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