NEC Selected as Finalist for Best of Interop 2014 Award

Interop Las Vegas Recognizes NEC for Advancing the Business Technology Market

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Irving, Texas – March 13, 2014 – NEC Corporation of America (NEC), a leading provider and integrator of advanced IT and communications solutions, and a pioneer in OpenFlow-based Software-defined Networking (SDN), along with NEC Corporation Japan, today announced its selection as a Best of Interop finalist in the Management award category, recognizing NEC's ProgrammableFlow(R) Version 5.1 OpenFlow-based, software-defined data center interconnect solution – called the Unified Network Coordinator (UNC). The Best of Interop winners will be announced at 5:30 p.m. April 1 in the Interop Theater on the Expo Floor during Interop Las Vegas, March 31 – April 4 at the Mandalay Bay Convention Center. For more information visit: http://www.bestofinterop.com.

The Best of Interop Judging Committee, comprised of 16 award-winning IT editors and analysts, reviewed nearly 130 entries and shortlisted submissions based on their significant technical impact and potential to move business technology forward.

Publicly announced March 3, 2014, NEC's UNC addresses key challenges faced by today's businesses, including increased business continuity requirements, greater bandwidth needs, better access to geographically dispersed apps and data, increased network complexity, and required visibility for better security.

The UNC tackles these issues and improves scalability of the network controller by 10 times over previous ProgrammableFlow controllers. It enables construction and orchestration of virtual networks across multiple controllers within a data center as well as across interconnects between data centers. The UNC's capability of linking virtual networks across and between data centers gives customers the ability to link to specific policies within the UNC. In turn, users gain the ability to have an end-to-end policy across multiple controllers and multiple domains.

"The ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite, introduced in 2011, has continued to evolve as our customers' requirements change," said Don Clark, director of business development, NEC Corporation of America. "Version 5.1 of the ProgrammableFlow controller enables customers to better utilize their IT resources and simplify data center management—both of which improve business agility and reduce costs."

As an illustration of its 10x* scalability, each ProgrammableFlow UNC controls up to:

- 10 controllers or 10 sites or 10 zones in a large data center
- 2,000 switches (compared to 200 switches per controller in previous version)
- 100,000 VLANs
- 10 million flows

NEC will be showcasing the UNC and the ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite at Booth #1839 during Interop Las Vegas. In addition to the specific category areas, special awards will be chosen onsite including: an overall Best of Interop Grand Prize, Best Startup Company and an Audience Choice Award that will be named during the Interop Las Vegas keynote on April 2.

About ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite

Initially launched in 2011, the ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite was the first commercially available SDN solution to leverage the OpenFlow protocol, enabling complete network virtualization, allowing customers to easily deploy, control, monitor, and manage multi-tenant network infrastructure. Now with version 5.1, customers can unify and control remote networks, all from a central location, to deliver simplified data center management, improved end-user access to applications, enhanced collaboration, and dramatically increase efficiency of IT resource utilization. Endorsed by customers, the ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite provides the first comprehensive suite that includes both physical and virtual switches as well as an SDN controller and applications. Ideally suited for corporate and service provider data centers, the ProgrammableFlow Controller PF6800 controller provides a cost-effective, high-performance, highly scalable SDN platform.
More information on NEC's ProgrammableFlow Networking Suite can be found at www.necam.com/sdn.

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