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TRADE NEWS: LXI Consortium's First PlugFest Demonstrates Robust LXI Standard

SAN DIEGO, Calif., June 9, 2005 -- The LXI Consortium held its first PlugFest recently, designed to test the LXI standards as implemented by the consortium steering committee. Eight products from Agilent Technologies, Keithley, MCC, Tektronix, and VXI Technology were tested to different areas of the specification, including LAN functionality, Web interface compliance, and IEEE 1588 protocol implementation. The event took place at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, May 24-25, and was attended by 44 members of the LXI Consortium. The next PlugFest is scheduled for August 2005 in Portland, Ore.

"We tested a wide range of products, from prototype boards to finished instruments," said Bob Rennard, LXI Consortium president. "We are very pleased with the quality of the products shown. The results show that LXI is well on its way to being a robust standard."

Added Jon Semancik, vice president and treasurer of the LXI Consortium, "As anticipated, the PlugFest also identified several areas of the specification that require clarification, such as DHCP lease renewal and fail-over behavior."

About the LXI Consortium

LXI is the next-generation, LAN-based modular architecture standard for automated test systems managed by the LXI Consortium, a not-for-profit corporation made up of leading test and measurement companies. The group's goals are to develop, support and promote the LXI standard. LXI's compact, flexible package, high-speed I/O and prolific use of LAN meet the needs of aerospace defense engineers developing radar, electronic warfare, satellite and military communications systems, as well as address a broad range of industrial and commercial applications.

Additional information about the LXI consortium's product offerings, licensing, specifications and membership is available at www.lxistandard.org.

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