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## Intel Developers Forum Booth #846

Platform Solutions, Inc. Demonstrates z/OS® on Intel® Itanium® 2 Technology at IDF

New-Generation Mainframe Developer Demonstrates Virtualization Technology With Co-Existence of IBM z/OS, Linux, Windows® and UNIX® on Intel Itanium 2 Technology

San Francisco, Calif., March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Platform Solutions, Inc. (PSI), the first developer of a new generation of mainframe computers compatible with the broadest set of datacenter environments and operating systems, is demonstrating today at the Intel Developer Forum (IDF) a major advance in open mainframe computing -- the IBM® z/OS® operating system co-existing on the same system with industry standard Red Hat Linux.

With the new-generation PSI mainframe server, corporate computing customers can deploy a common computing architecture across their increasingly open systems based datacenters. Customers have the flexibility to repurpose server resources to accommodate changing platform demands and can virtually connect and utilize open systems devices for mainframe data and communications. With PSI, these customers can also modernize their legacy applications on the latest generation of open systems technology.

"Corporate computing customers today want all the proven characteristics of the traditional mainframe servers along with the modern advantages of advanced open systems technologies," said Michael Maulick, President and CEO of Platform Solutions, Inc. "That is exactly what PSI is delivering to customers today around the world, and what we are showing publicly for the first time here at IDF. Mainframe customers now have choice and flexibility when it comes to selecting their new mainframe platform, and it is PSI."

The new-generation PSI mainframe server to be demonstrated at IDF features virtualization technology that permits the bare-metal execution of IBM z/OS and Red Hat Linux on Intel® Itanium® 2 processor technology. PSI mainframe servers are based on proven Amdahl Corporation systems architecture acquired from Fujitsu Computer Systems and industry standard technology. This unique combination gives customers of PSI systems unequalled system and software cost advantages in the procurement of modern architectures for legacy applications.

PSI will be exhibiting at IDF, Booth # 846, as part of the Itanium Solutions Alliance which the company joined in January 2006, aligning itself with leading systems and software providers dedicated to accelerating the adoption and ongoing development of Intel Itanium 2 processor-based solutions throughout the world.

The Itanium Solutions Alliance was formed in September 2005 by top enterprise and technical computing providers Bull, Fujitsu, Fujitsu Siemens Computers, Hitachi, HP, Intel, NEC, SGI and Unisys. Leading software vendors BEA, Microsoft, Novell, Oracle, Red Hat, SAP, SAS and Sybase have since joined as charter members, and other early members include Hyperion, Informatica, MiT Systems, MSC.Software, Sybase, Symantec, TIBCO and Trend Micro.

Along with PSI, more recent members include Arkeia, Insyde Technology, Secure64 and SWSoft who have joined the group since its launch in September.



PSI System at IDF

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The Itanium Solutions Alliance will boost availability of Itanium solutions through delivery of a suite of enabling programs targeted at enterprise and technical computing developers. With more than 70,000 datacenter deployments of Itanium systems within the last four years, formation of the organization underscores the Alliance participants' collective long-term commitment to the expansion of Itanium solutions.

## **About PSI**

Platform Solutions, Inc., (PSI) is the first developer of a new generation of mainframe computers compatible with the broadest set of datacenter environments and operating systems, including IBM z/OS. The new PSI systems are based on proven Amdahl Corporation systems architecture acquired from Fujitsu Computer Systems and industry standard Intel Itanium 2 processor technology, and provide customers true choice and flexibility in mainframe computing. The company was launched in 2003 and is funded by leading venture and strategic investors, including Blueprint Ventures, Goldman Sachs, Intel Capital, Interwest, and Investcorp. The company is based in Sunnyvale, California.

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