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**THE GREEN GRID ANNOUNCES FIRST GENERAL MEMBERS' MEETING AND TECHNICAL FORUM**

*Completion of first Plugfest also announced*

**Portland, Ore. — Dec. 11, 2007** —The Green Grid today announced it will hold The First Annual Green Grid General Members' Meeting and Technical Forum one year after its formal launch. The Green Grid General Members' Meeting will be held at the Parc 55 Hotel in San Francisco on February 6, 2008 following the two-day Technical Forum, which will be held at the hotel February 5-6, 2008.

The Green Grid Technical Forum is designed to further The Green Grid's mission of advancing energy efficiency in data centers and business computing ecosystems. Attendees will learn about The Green Grid's Data Center Metrics, current and emerging techniques for managing data centers for efficiency and future technical deliverables from the organization. The Green Grid will also host discussions with leading industry policy-makers from around the world. Members can register at: [http://www.thegreengrid.org/events/technical\\_forum/](http://www.thegreengrid.org/events/technical_forum/).

"We have developed The Green Grid Technical Forum to share and discuss our current research and findings and to bring the stakeholders of data center efficiency together to network, brainstorm and provide input on our technical roadmap and priorities," said Mark Monroe, a director of The Green Grid.

**The Green Grid Announces Completion of First Plugfest for Independent Hardware Vendors**

On November 7-8, 2007 in Dupont, Wash., The Green Grid hosted its first Plugfest event for Independent Hardware Vendors (IHVs). A Plugfest is a testing event run by an independent third party that provides vendors with the opportunity to evaluate their hardware against a specification. The PCI Express® Active State Power Management (ASPM) Test Event hosted by The Green Grid marked the first time IHVs could test devices in the various power management states. As a result of the testing, IHVs received evaluations on how their components performed against existing ASPM specifications; the event sets the framework for these components to become more energy efficient moving forward.

Equipment and tools were available during the event to evaluate and measure components against the following parameters:

- Operating System ASPM Driver Entries
- ACPI Table Entries for ASPM
- Adapter Card Device Driver ASPM Entries
- Adapter Card Configuration Space ASPM Entries
- Measurement of Supported Link State Transition Latencies
- Measurement of Average Power Draw in all Supported Link States

**About The Green Grid**

The Green Grid is a global consortium of companies dedicated to advancing energy efficiency in data centers and computing ecosystems. The Green Grid does not endorse any vendor-specific products or solutions, and will seek to provide industry-wide recommendations on best practices, metrics and technologies that will improve overall data center energy efficiencies. Membership is open to companies interested in data center operational efficiency at the Contributing or General Member level. General members attend and participate in general meetings of The Green Grid, review proposals for specifications and have access to specifications for test suites and design guidelines and IP licensing. Additional benefits for contributor members include participation and voting rights in committees and working groups. Additional information is available at [www.thegreengrid.org](http://www.thegreengrid.org).

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