



**Platform Solutions, Inc. to use Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors,
addressing performance requirements of 90 percent of z/OS® installations**

San Francisco, Calif., July 18, 2006 - Platform Solutions, Inc. (PSI), the developer of a new generation of mainframe computers compatible with the broadest set of datacenter environments and operating systems, announces support for the industry's first open mainframe computer based on the new Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 Processor 9000 series, Intel® Corporation's newest Itanium® 2 technology-based chip.

PSI has combined its proven mainframe systems architecture and virtualization technology with the scalable performance of the Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors. With this new processing capacity, PSI offers corporate datacenter customers a true choice in mainframe platforms, providing a cost-effective alternative to proprietary mainframe technology.

Later this year PSI expects to deliver z/OS® compatible servers that use dual-core processor technology to address the performance requirements of more than 90 percent of the z/OS installed base.

Additionally, the flexibility of the technology allows PSI to offer compact, energy-efficient, rack-mounted mainframe servers for small-to-medium sized businesses and distributed office branches of large enterprise customers.

"Corporate computing customers are demanding more flexible, powerful and cost-effective ways to modernize their datacenters" said Michael Maulick, President and CEO of Platform Solutions, Inc. "We strongly believe that advanced open technologies offer the best choice; and with Dual-Core Intel® Itanium® 2 processors, we can now provide open systems mainframes to serve the needs of an even wider range of enterprise customers."

PSI provides unparalleled IT flexibility with open standards-based mainframe systems designed for rapid re-configuration. This allows customers to accommodate changing business requirements, balance computing resources between open and proprietary environments, and align specific tasks on the ideal virtual platform.

PSI open mainframe servers are ideal for heterogeneous datacenters, as well as corporations bridging legacy mainframe applications and modern open technologies. PSI systems support the broadest set of operating systems – IBM z/OS, Linux®, Windows® and UNIX® – all of which can run simultaneously on the same system.

PSI mainframe systems are based on proven Amdahl Corporation systems architecture acquired from Fujitsu Computer Systems and industry-standard technology. This unique combination gives PSI customers unequalled system and software cost advantages in the procurement of modern architectures for legacy applications.

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Along with on-going development efforts and collaboration with Intel on Itanium 2 processor-based technologies, PSI joined the Itanium Solutions Alliance 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. Other early members include Hyperion, Informatica, MiT Systems, MSC.Software, Sybase, Symantec, TIBCO and Trend Micro.

Since the Alliance's launch in September, members who have more recently joined include Arkeia, Insyde Technology, Secure64 and SWSOft, along with PSI.

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 Itanium systems deployed in datacenters 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 open mainframe computers compatible with the broadest set of datacenter environments and operating systems, including IBM z/OS. The new PSI systems, based on proven Amdahl Corporation systems architecture acquired from Fujitsu Computer Systems and industry-standard Intel Itanium 2 processor technology, 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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