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Cisco Certified Community Gains Momentum

Web Portal Registrations Surpass 50,000 Mark; Free Services Benefit Certified Individuals

SAN JOSE, Calif., September 14, 2004 – Cisco Systems, Inc. today announced that more than 50,000 Cisco certified individuals have now signed up to take advantage of the “bundle” of free services available exclusively to certified individuals on the Cisco Certifications Community, a free knowledge sharing portal launched last year. The free benefits consist of learning games, broadcast shows, certification updates, discussion forums and other special offers.

Learning Games, a popular new feature on the community site, combine fun and knowledge to introduce users to advanced technologies, includes a new game that challenges users to put together a Cisco network on Mars using a rover. Also included as one of the benefits is “Certification Connect,” a live, monthly web TV show, whereby viewers can submit questions to a panel of certification experts and have those questions answered live. Show topics cover program areas such as CCIE labs, written exams, recertification and certification tracks. Past shows may be accessed by visiting www.cisco.com/go/communitytv.

“Cisco is pleased to continue to provide lifelong learning tools that enable invaluable support and training to our community of certified individuals,” said Don Field, senior manager, Internet Learning Solutions Group, Cisco Systems. “By offering a broad range of complimentary benefits, Cisco fulfills its commitment to further build the skills and knowledge set of those professionals dedicated to learning and committed to attaining certifications.”

About Cisco Certifications Community

To join the Cisco Certifications Community, log-in with a Cisco.com (CCO) user ID and password at the following URL: www.cisco.com/go/certcommunity. Only those with at least one valid Cisco certification are able to access the community. Cisco Certifications Community is a free exclusive community portal that serves as a platform for Cisco certified individuals to network and interact with peers to share best practices. The Cisco Certifications Community offers access to news, discussion groups, video presentations, white papers, articles and learning program information.

About Cisco Career Certifications

The widely respected Cisco Career Certifications bring valuable, measurable rewards to network professionals, their managers and the organizations that employ them. Cisco offers three levels of general certification: Associate, Professional and Expert. Each is available in various tracks such as Routing and Switching, Network Security and Service Provider. A variety of Cisco Qualified Specialist focused certifications are also available to show knowledge in specific technologies, solutions or job roles.

For Cisco Career Certifications information, visit <http://www.cisco.com/en/US/learning>.

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