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New CCNA Prep Center Offers Networking Professionals a Resource for CCNA Success

SAN JOSE, Calif, June 29, 2004 – Cisco Systems, Inc., today announced the CCNA Prep Center, a new Cisco Internet portal currently in a pilot phase designed to assist networking professionals preparing for CCNA certification, a component of the Cisco Career Certifications Program. This new Internet portal provides certification candidates access to a wide variety of resources, including practice questions, labs, simulations, tips, expert advice and peer discussion forums.

The CCNA Prep Center also allows networking professionals to easily access information and formal training from Cisco Learning Solutions Partners. The portal is open to individuals who meet one of the following criteria: previously taken a Cisco exam, possess a Cisco certification or have subscribed to the Cisco Learning Connection.

“The CCNA Certification can be challenging as it is typically an entry point for those individuals new to IP networking,” said Don Field, senior manager, Internet Learning Solutions Group, Cisco. “The Prep Center provides a range of resources that help individuals sharpen their skills while also providing access to additional material and training that will help them successfully complete their certification. As part of our ongoing effort to enhance the Cisco Career Certifications Program and to provide the greatest value to certification candidates, Cisco is pleased to team with Cisco Learning Solutions Partners on the CCNA Prep Center.”

The CCNA Prep Center can be found at www.cisco.com/go/prepcenter.

CCNA certifications validate the foundation and apprentice knowledge of networking professionals. CCNA certified professionals can install, configure and operate LAN, WAN and dial access services for small networks (100 nodes or fewer), including but not limited to use of these protocols: IP, IGRP, Serial, Frame Relay, IP RIP, VLANs, RIP, Ethernet and Access Lists.

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>.

Training and Availability

Training may be purchased via Cisco Learning Credits which are redeemable at participating Cisco Learning Partner locations. Authorized Cisco training is available from a global network of Cisco Learning Partners and the Partner E-Learning Connection.

For training information, visit www.cisco.com/go/training.

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About Cisco Systems

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