Announcing the Retirement of Six Advanced Technology Specializations

To simplify and streamline its specializations portfolio, Cisco is retiring several specializations:

- Advanced Core and WAN
- Advanced Unified Access
- Advanced Unified Fabric Technology
- Advanced Internet of Things - Manufacturing
- Advanced Internet of Things – Connected Safety and Security
- Advanced Internet of Things - Industry Expert

The last day to apply for or renew these specializations is December 1, 2017.

Partners in Approved status on December 1, 2017 will retain the respective specialization until its next naturally occurring anniversary date. All specializations will be fully removed from partner records no later than December 1, 2018.

Retiring specializations with anniversary dates between December 1, 2017 and March 17, 2018 will be changed to a March 17, 2018 date. This will allow enrollment in the Cisco® Value Incentive Program Period 31 (VIP 31) using the retiring specializations as entry criteria for specific tracks. However, in order to receive the rebate, you will need to fulfill the exit criteria for VIP 31 with an Advanced architecture specialization for those same tracks.

Partners who rely on one of these specializations to support their Cisco Premier Certification will need to acquire an alternative qualifying specialization.

For more information
If you have any questions, contact your partner account manager (PAM), or go to Customer and Partner Services at http://www.cisco.com/go/cs to open a case.