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**T3T and PSI Extend Customers' Investments in 31-bit ESA-390 Architecture and Applications with New Servers and Support Services**

*New offering combines technology, skills, and support services for legacy applications*

Sunnyvale, CA. March 29, 2007 – Platform Solutions, Inc. (PSI), developer of Open Mainframe™ Servers, and T3 Technologies (T3T), the second largest mainframe system integrator, today announced support services to help those companies that have chosen not to upgrade to a 64-bit z/OS operating system and hardware environment. The services provide extended support for 31-bit environments in anticipation of IBM's end of support on March 31, 2007 for 31-bit operating systems and hardware.

By offering support for customers who desire to maintain their legacy 31-bit environments and applications, PSI and T3T help customers direct their IT resources toward new application initiatives rather than maintenance. T3T's recently introduced Liberty Server™ family, based on PSI technology, and sold and supported by T3T, brings both 31-bit and 64-bit z/OS compatibility in a contemporary Itanium-2 based system. This system offers the cost effectiveness of industry-standard hardware and the flexibility of an asset that can also be used for Windows, Linux or HP-UX as workload demands evolve over time.

Recently, PSI and T3T announced their plans to join forces and address the market for small to mid-size systems up to 350 MIPS with the Liberty family of servers. The two companies understand the need to continue to support customers desiring to preserve their investments in their 31-bit infrastructure. The Liberty Server offers customers the choice and flexibility to react to changing business needs by having the advantage of running their applications in 31-bit or 64-bit mode, using PSI's innovative bare-metal virtualization technology on Dual-Core Intel Itanium-2 processors. PSI and T3T have the knowledge base of specialists and the technology to help with each customer's unique requirements.

T3 Technologies has been providing clients with mainframe systems programming services for over 15 years. The latest service addition is a suite of offerings supported jointly by T3T and PSI which focuses on the 31-bit versions of mainframe operating systems, such as z/OS 1.5 and earlier versions, OS/390, z/VSE and z/VM. These services address the needs of datacenters that do not want to be without expert external support but do not see a payoff in rolling forward to a 64-bit environment at this time. Included are:

- Staff development, where you engage T3 and PSI experts as your systems programming staff, or as members of your team
- Software product installation
- Configuration and implementation services for IBM and third-party software products
- Systems programming in OS/390, z/VSE, and z/VM
- TCP/IP & CICS, DB2 and RACF deployment, customization and maintenance
- Problem determination and resolution covering a wide range of IBM and ISV software, including Linux

The 31-bit software support services are available to customers continuing to use 31-bit only mainframe processor hardware. For customers concerned about their dependence on aged mainframe hardware but concerned about making a major new investment in proprietary zSeries hardware that is not strategic, a combination of support services and a replacement Liberty Server may be the ideal path into the future.

Additionally, T3T provides services and lower cost hardware options for customers on a delayed transition from a 31 to 64-bit operating environment. Liberty Server models can also be upgraded or downgraded in the field to match changes in demand for capacity and facilitate software asset management.

“Our combined T3T and PSI team of experts and server products provides a coherent strategic option for a key portion of the mainframe community” said Steven Friedman, President of T3 Technologies, adding that “Customers have access to all of our skill sets as well as competent backup and support structures. And, we are flexible regarding delivery, providing options such as telephone support, remote support, and on-site support.”

“As the customer enterprise evolves,” observed Linda Zider, EVP and General Manager of Platform Solutions, Inc., “the Liberty family of servers has the versatility to change with them, accommodating but not forcing change. With capabilities in both legacy and modern architectures, Open Mainframe servers are unique in their ability to allow multi-OS datacenters to simplify the hardware infrastructure.”

## **About PSI**

Platform Solutions, Inc. (PSI), develops Open Mainframe™ Servers compatible with the broadest set of datacenter environments and operating systems, including IBM® z/OS®. 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.

For more information, please visit: [www.platform-solutions.com](http://www.platform-solutions.com).

## **About T3 Technologies**

T3 Technologies is the second largest integrator of mainframe computers worldwide supporting nearly 1,000 customers in 28 countries. Privately held and based in Tampa, Florida, T3 has offices in the UK, Italy and Germany. For more information about T3, please visit: [www.t3t.com](http://www.t3t.com).

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