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Tech Data and EPEAT® Partner on Green IT Purchasing Efforts

IT products distributor, environmental ratings system collaborate to educate, support channel partners

Portland, OR: EPEAT® and Tech Data Corporation today announced a partnership to provide tens of thousands of IT resellers nationwide with access to the latest information and training about environmentally friendly computer products identified through the EPEAT system.

EPEAT (www.epeat.net) is today's most expansive and influential green IT product rating system, with a registry of more than 1,000 products and over 30 participating manufacturers from global giants to small integrators (www.epeat.net/companies.aspx). One of the world's largest IT products distributors, Tech Data offers reseller access to one of the channel's broadest solutions offerings, encompassing software, systems, peripherals, networking and high-end data center solutions from industry leading hardware and software producers .

"EPEAT's mission is to make green IT purchasing simpler and more transparent," said Jeff Omelchuck, Executive Director of EPEAT. "Partnering with an organization with the reach and reputation of Tech Data to increase the accessibility of EPEAT information for the channel is a significant step in furthering that mission."

"In order to provide end users with comprehensive green IT solutions, VARs need access to information like the EPEAT product rating system," said Tech Data Vice President, Marketing Services Katie Dumala. "In addition to delivering EPEAT product data through our e-business tools and online product catalog, our partnership with EPEAT will enable us to deliver training and marketing materials so our reseller customers can better incorporate green IT into their solutions offering."

The EPEAT system evaluates products according to three tiers of environmental performance: Bronze, Silver and Gold, based on a total of 51 lifecycle criteria contained in an IEEE environmental performance standard. Key benchmarks include elimination of toxic materials, design for recycling, extended product longevity, increased energy efficiency, and availability of takeback and recycling services (www.epeat.net/criteria.aspx). EPEAT simplifies the search for greener product choices by offering a one-stop-shop to identify and compare credibly verified environmentally preferable products.

EPEAT is a purchasing requirement for all US Federal Agencies, and is integrated into hundreds of government, education, health care and enterprise IT contracts worldwide. In addition EPEAT is becoming an integral part of the IT channel, with leading distributors and resellers joining EPEAT Partner programs to support their green purchasing initiatives. Global demand for EPEAT is increasing, and expansion to additional geographies and product sets is in the works.

Key purchaser profiles, the participating manufacturer list, EPEAT criteria and environmental benefits may be found at www.epeat.net .

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About Tech Data Tech Data Corporation (NASDAQ GS: TECD) is one of the world's largest distributors of technology products from leading IT hardware and software producers. Tech Data serves more than 100,000 IT solution providers in over 100 countries. Every day, these value-added resellers depend on Tech Data to cost-effectively support the technology needs of end users, including small and medium businesses (SMB), large enterprises and government agencies. Ranked 105th on the FORTUNE 500(R), Tech Data generated \$24.1 billion in net sales for its fiscal year ended January 31, 2009. To learn more, visit www.techdata.com.

About EPEAT The EPEAT (Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool) program evaluates computer desktops, laptops, and monitors based on 51 environmental criteria developed through an extensive stakeholder consensus process supported by US EPA. The EPEAT system is managed by the Green Electronics Council, a nonprofit organization headquartered in Portland, OR.

Compared to traditional computer equipment, all EPEAT-registered computers have reduced levels of cadmium, lead, and mercury to better protect human health and the environment. They are more energy efficient, which reduces emissions of climate changing greenhouse gases. They are also easier to upgrade and recycle. In fact, manufacturers must offer environmentally responsible recycling options for all EPEAT-registered products. For more on EPEAT criteria and qualified products, see www.epeat.net