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MEF-CECPs in 40 Countries

*APAC in top 5*

**NetEvents, Wednesday 20th February 2013, Phuket,Thailand:** The MEF today announced that there are now 571 MEF Carrier Ethernet Certified Professionals (MEF-CECPs) in 142 employer organizations in 40 countries around the globe. The program, launched in mid-2011, is now being adopted by major Carrier Ethernet organizations as a formal requirement for key technical positions, with APAC service providers and equipment vendors appearing among the top 5 MEF-CECP employers in the MEF rankings.

“My congratulations to the nearly 600 Carrier Ethernet professionals that have already achieved MEF-CECP certification,” commented Nan Chen, MEF President. “With Ethernet Business Services revenues forecast to be $40 - $50bn by 2015, service providers, equipment vendors and enterprises are now able to recruit talent to internationally recognized Carrier Ethernet knowledge and skill levels. Individuals also now have a path to varying levels of professional recognition and accomplishments.”

The MEF also reports that currently 52% of MEF-CECPs are based in North America, and 25% in APAC, followed by 18% in Europe. The top three job responsibilities held by MEF-CECPs are sales engineering, product management and network engineering. The MEF has also recently boosted its program of MEF-accredited training which is now offered by 7 third party companies – both specialist training providers and equipment vendor with customer-facing training groups.

Full details of the process for MEF-CECP certification are available on the MEF website www.MetroEthernetForum.org or www.ethernetacademy.net.

**About The MEF:**

The MEF is a global industry alliance comprising more than 200 organizations including telecommunications service providers, cable MSOs, network equipment/software manufacturers, semiconductors vendors and testing organizations. The MEF’s mission is to accelerate the worldwide adoption of Carrier-class Ethernet networks and services. The MEF develops Carrier Ethernet technical specifications and implementation agreements to promote interoperability and deployment of Carrier Ethernet worldwide.

For more information: <http://www.MetroEthernetForum.org/>