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CDG Joins the MEF

Champaign, IL – Communications Data Group (CDG) is pleased to announce that it has recently joined the MEF (Metro Ethernet Forum). The MEF is a global industry alliance comprising more than 200 organizations, including communications service providers, network equipment/software suppliers, testing organizations, and other stakeholders. The MEF is the driving force enabling agile, assured, and orchestrated “Third Network” services for the digital economy and the hyper-connected world, with user-directed control over service capabilities and cloud connectivity. These on-demand services build upon an interconnected Carrier Ethernet 2.0 foundation and use LSO (Lifecycle Service Orchestration) to enable automated & virtualized networks with SDN & NFV.

According to CDG’s Vice President of Product Development, Stan Redden, “Joining the MEF was a logical choice for CDG. As a billing and operational support systems company, being a member of organizations involved with defining technical specifications and standards for telecommunications services is crucial. When CABS billing emerged in the 1980s, CDG was on the frontline. We were one of the initial companies to join the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) Order and Billing Forum (OBF), and we were the first independent software development vendor to sit on the C/BOS Technical Review Group. With the growth of Carrier Ethernet and the shift toward on-demand and orchestrated services, we knew we needed to be part of the MEF. So when the opportunity came along to be the first billing vendor to join the MEF, we jumped on it. At CDG, we are deeply invested in being involved with the development of new technologies, and we are very excited and proud to be part of this forum, which includes some of the most influential companies in our industry.”

“Overcoming service providers’ billing challenges is an integral part of MEF’s LSO vision for end-to-end automation of the network services lifecycle,” said Kevin Vachon, Chief Operating Officer for MEF. “We are pleased to have CDG join the MEF and contribute to the development of standards that enable service providers to profit from Third Network services orchestrated over more automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks.”

About The MEF: The MEF is the driving force enabling agile, assured, and orchestrated Third Network services for the digital economy and the hyper-connected world, with user-directed control over service capabilities and cloud connectivity. Optimized for real-time, QoS-enabled, secured traffic and integration of value-added network functions-as-a-service, Third Network services are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks globally powered by LSO, SDN, and NFV.

The MEF leverages its global 200+ network operators and technology vendor community, builds upon the robust \$80 billion Carrier Ethernet market, and provides a practical evolution to the Third Network with LSO, SDN, and NFV implementations that build upon a CE 2.0 foundation.

The MEF has established a technical and implementation framework that includes architecture, information models, service definitions, operational processes, open source community, and certification programs. MEF work is conducted internally and – under the guidance of the MEF UNITE program – in collaboration with global standards organizations and open source projects. For more information, see [www.MEF.com](http://www.MEF.com)

About CDG: CDG offers scalable, accurate billing and operational support solutions for voice, video and data for retail and wholesale telecommunications carriers and service providers. Options include: Interconnect, CABS, Mediation, Customer Care, Plant, Trouble, Service Provisioning, E-Care, Task Management and third-party financial, mapping and facilities management products. Service bureau, online and licensed options are available. Visit our website at [www.cdg.ws](http://www.cdg.ws) to learn more.