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Augmentix Joins the Service Availability Forum to Promote Open,
Dependable, High Availability Solutions

PORTLAND, OR - (Send2Press Newswire) - November 5, 2003 -- The Service Availability Forum (www.saforum.org) today announced the addition of Augmentix Corporation to the list of industry leading communications and computing companies working together to create and promote Service Availability(tm) open interface specifications.

"Augmentix brings to the SA Forum its understanding of the applied computing market equipment and high availability solutions," said Timo Jokiahho, president of the Service Availability Forum. "Augmentix's membership supports the Forum's mission of developing and promoting open standards for availability, which will help lower both time to market and the cost of developing highly available communications applications."

The Service Availability Forum's continued membership growth further demonstrates the communications industry's goal to create standard-based building blocks for achieving on-demand, uninterrupted service for multi-service communications network users. By creating open hardware platform interface specifications, the Service Availability Forum will help facilitate the fast delivery of ultra-dependable, differentiated, cost-effective communications services.

"The SA Forum's hardware independent platform management standard is very attractive to our customers who are looking for a common platform management interface across multiple computing environments," said Chris Melson, CEO of Augmentix.

Augmentix strives to provide the lowest cost, highly available mission critical platforms to the applied computing markets. Augmentix products include platform management software compliant with the Service Availability Forum Hardware Platform Interface (HPI). The SA Forum's Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) released in October of 2002, enables Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) and middleware vendors to develop service applications and availability management middleware solutions within an open, high availability framework.

David McKinley, Augmentix CTO, added, "We have made a strategic decision to support open standards wherever possible. The SA Forum HPI standard fills a critical missing link for standard application management of high availability platforms. By adopting HPI as our native platform management API, Augmentix will also be able to support management middleware based on the SA Forum Application Interface Specification, and other upcoming specifications."

The SA Forum Hardware Platform Interface (HPI) and SAForum Application Interface Specification (AIS) are available to TEMs, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), Independent Software Vendors (ISVs), and Network Equipment Providers (NEPs). The SAForum HPI and AIS can be downloaded at <http://www.saforum.org/specification> .

About the Service Availability Forum

The Service Availability Forum is the industry body dedicated to developing specifications that facilitate the faster delivery of cost-effective, carrier-grade infrastructure equipment and applications. Created by industry leading communications and computing companies, the Forum's specifications represent a crucial, missing piece of the COTS ecosystem model's open, carrier-grade platform and middleware interfaces that tie together all standards-based network equipment elements quickly and easily. Service Availability Forum membership offers the opportunity to take part in building the availability specifications for the future. For more information about the Service Availability Forum, visit <http://www.saforum.org> .

About Augmentix

Augmentix combines off-the-shelf and customized hardware and software to provide customers a compelling cost advantage while delivering the attributes necessary for mission critical systems. Augmentix is dedicated to lowering the computing and integration costs of the applied computing markets while providing state of the art technology and standards based platform management. Augmentix, based in Houston, Texas, has been accepted as a client of the Houston Technology Center (a technology incubator), and has received first-round investment financing from a major venture capital firm. For more information about Augmentix, contact Chris Melson at 713-271-2700 x111 or visit <http://www.augmentix.com> .

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