



TierOne OSS Technologies Awarded Verizon Testing Certification

*TierOne is the first OSS software vendor to achieve sought after
"Verizon Testing Partner" status*

Toronto, ON, July 29, 2008 — TierOne OSS Technologies Inc. (TierOne™), a leading OSS consulting, integration and technology specialist, today became the first OSS software vendor to be awarded 'Verizon Testing Partner' certification.

Verizon awards the certification only to those organizations that demonstrate an understanding and commitment to Verizon's Systems Integration and Testing (SIT) expectations for product quality. TierOne OSS Technologies is one of a very select few to achieve the status, and now joins companies such as Fujitsu Network Communications, Tellabs and Redback Networks.

"The goal of the Verizon Testing Partner Program is to speed the deployment of innovative technology so that Verizon can get products to market more quickly and more cost effectively," said Paul Vedam, President and CEO at TierOne. "We are delighted that Verizon has recognized that TierOne has the development processes in place to ensure OSS solutions of the very highest quality."

The Verizon Testing Partner Program is part of Verizon's Excellence Program, designed to accelerate the deployment of technology solutions and to reduce costs by eliminating redundant testing. To ensure consistent quality, Verizon's Systems Integration and Testing (SIT) laboratories perform thorough product and system level reviews prior to decisions to deploy new technology solutions on the Verizon network. 'Testing Partner' status is only awarded to those vendors that can successfully demonstrate the quality processes required to deliver deployment-ready products to Verizon.

"The Verizon certification is extremely useful because it ensures that the processes that govern quality at TierOne are optimized," said Neil Hansen, Vice President of Product Development at TierOne. "As a result, the quality testing and monitoring systems that TierOne has in place are very sophisticated, and are continually evaluated to maintain the very highest levels of quality."

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About TierOne OSS Technologies Inc.

TierOne OSS Technologies Inc. is a private company founded in 1999, headquartered in Toronto. TierOne's mission is to be recognized as the OSS solution providers of choice by their customers, partners, and industry peers. TierOne provides OSS related services and solutions to service providers around the world. Customers include AllStream, Telus, Rogers, and Verizon.

For more information, visit www.tieroneoss.com

About Verizon Communications Inc.

Verizon Communications Inc. (NYSE:VZ), a Dow 30 company, is a leader in delivering broadband and other wireline and wireless communication innovations to mass market, business, government and wholesale customers. Verizon Wireless operates America's most reliable wireless network, serving nearly 57 million customers nationwide. Verizon Business operates one of the most expansive wholly-owned global IP networks. Verizon Telecom is deploying the nation's most advanced fiber-optic network to deliver the benefits of converged communications, information and entertainment services to customers. Based in New York, Verizon has a diverse workforce of approximately 250,000 and generates annual consolidated operating revenues of approximately \$90 billion. For more information, visit www.verizon.com.

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