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TRADE NEWS: LXI Consortium Joined by Symtx, Inc.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., April 28, 2005 -- The LXI Consortium today announced that Symtx, Inc. will join the recently formed standards organization. LXI (LAN extensions for instrumentation) is a next-generation, LAN-based modular platform standard for automated test systems. As a leading supplier of automatic test equipment, Symtx, Inc. expands the base of test and measurement companies supporting the development of the LXI standard.

LXI combines built-in measurement science and PC-standard I/O connectivity from rack-and-stack instruments with the modularity and size reduction of cardcage-based systems. With LXI, engineers are able to leverage the software and measurement accuracy they currently have from their GPIB instruments to the test system. The LXI standard provides a basis for long life-cycle instrumentation implementations that are not limited by bandwidth, software or computer-dependent architectures.

"Being a leading provider of advanced functional test solutions, Symtx is excited about the opportunity to join the LXI Consortium," said Corry Johnson, Symtx Vice President of Marketing, "working along with other industry leaders in the development of the LXI standard. LAN-based automated test systems offer promising cost savings to end users and participation in the Consortium will enable Symtx to take a lead position in the systems integration services market for developing next-generation, LXI-based functional test systems."

About Symtx, Inc.

Symtx, Inc., founded in 1983, is the largest independent manufacturer of functional test systems for electronics manufacturers. As an AS9100:2001 and ISO9001:2000 certified company headquartered in Austin, Texas, Symtx offers a variety of ATE products and services within the defense/aerospace, avionics, telecommunications, medical, RF/microwave, optical, automotive, semiconductor, and consumer/industrial electronics industries (www.symtx.com).

About the LXI Consortium

LXI is the next-generation, LAN-based modular architecture standard for automated test systems managed by the LXI Consortium, a not-for-profit corporation made up of leading test and measurement companies. The group's goals are to develop, support and promote the LXI standard. LXI's compact, flexible package, high-speed I/O, and prolific use of LAN meet the needs of aerospace defense engineers developing radar, electronic warfare, satellite and military communications systems.

A backgrounder on LXI is available at www.lxistandard.org/find/lxi_backgrounder. Additional information about the LXI Consortium's product offerings, licensing, specifications and membership is available at www.lxistandard.org.

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