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80% Of The MEF's CECP Top Scorers Are Carrier Ethernet Academy Graduates

Silicon Valley, California, October 8, 2013—The [Carrier Ethernet Academy](#) (CEA) announces that four of the top six MEF-CECPs recognized by the MEF as scoring in the top 1% (95% or higher) on the rigorous MEF-CECP exam—as announced in a recent Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) [press release](#)—are CEA graduates. The list included three professionals from Tellabs—Arun Bheemaroo, Jose Del Risco and Thomas Rarick—all of whom are recent alumni from the CEA [MEF-CECP Boot Camp](#). Topping the list of six with the highest score to date is Isabelle Morency. Isabelle is an early CEA alumnus and one of the first to obtain her MEF-CECP certification in 2011. She joined CEA as Chief Academic Officer and member of the Academy's teaching faculty in 2013

“At Tellabs we take the quality of our professional training very seriously, we highly value industry accreditation because it proves we're serious about what we do,” said Eric Geelen, Senior Product Planner for Carrier Ethernet Products, Tellabs Inc. “Our desire is to have a team with the strongest understanding of Carrier Ethernet concepts in the industry, but time and resources are scarce. That's why our partnership with the Carrier Ethernet Academy has been a huge success story. We're very pleased with the quality and depth of understanding their instructors have sown into our people. We've vaulted ahead of competitors in our sector and will continue to partner with CEA for a long time.”

“We're proud to count four of the top six highest scores as part of our MEF-CECP Boot Camp alumni,” said Craig Easley, President and Dean of Academic Affairs at the Carrier Ethernet Academy. “The results confirm that our program is effective as well as efficient. Many companies in the telecommunications industry are adopting the MEF-CECP certification as part of their internal career development programs including Tellabs, TW Telecom, Time Warner Cable, and Rogers Communications. Each of these companies have been recognized by the MEF as having upward of 30 MEF-CECPs in their organizations.”



Rogers Communications' Denis Bazinet, a recent grad, was the 1,000th MEF-CECP and this milestone shows that the MEF-CECP certification is gaining traction with service providers and vendors alike. The training provides subject matter expertise that companies are using as a strategic competitive advantage enabling them to demonstrate their commitment to back their products and services with the most qualified professionals in the Carrier Ethernet industry. Rogers currently leads the way for service providers with 66 MEF-CECPs in its organization.

“Rogers is proud to lead the industry with MEF-CECP certifications,” said Terry Canning, Senior Vice President, Rogers Business Solutions. “Investing in our employees through industry accreditation is the foundation of Rogers' ability to provide exceptional products and services to our customers. Having our employees certified in industry best-practices ensures that our customers can benefit from their skills and knowledge.”

About The Carrier Ethernet Academy

The Carrier Ethernet Academy was founded in 2007 with the focus of providing vendor-neutral training on Carrier Ethernet and the work of the MEF. It is currently the leading MEF Accredited Training Provider (ATP) and has helped a significant number of telecommunications professionals from over 30 Service Providers and Equipment Vendor companies from around the world to prepare for and earn their MEF-CECP certification. To date, the Academy has provided MEF-CECP Boot Camp training to well over 360 professionals from companies including but not limited to: Allstream; Comcast; Coresite; Cox Communications; Embratel; Fairpoint Communications; Global Crossing; Primus Telecom; Rogers Telecom; SFR; Sprint; TELUS; Time Warner Cable; Time Warner Telecom; T-Cell; Verizon Wireless; Vodacom; In-Tune Networks; Optelian Networks; Overture Networks; Pulsecom; Tellabs and Transmode.

The Carrier Ethernet Academy instructors are actively involved in the technical work of the MEF with years of real-world experience deploying Carrier Ethernet. For more information please visit the Carrier Ethernet Academy online at www.cea2.com.

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