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## **MEF Launches MEF-CECP 2.0 Certification Exam** *CE 2.0 Growth Fuels Number of MEF-CECP Professionals*

**November 20, 2013** —The Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) announces that the MEF Carrier Ethernet Certified Professional (MEF-CECP) certification exam has been updated and now covers additional Carrier Ethernet concepts and topics encompassing all aspects of the MEF's Carrier Ethernet 2.0 (CE 2.0). Effective December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013, the MEF-CECP 2.0 exam will cover key components including the E-Access service, detailed Service OAM functionality, standardized Classes of Service and resiliency performance metrics. The revised exam is a superset of the original exam and will test candidates' understanding of Carrier Ethernet as well as their mastery of the new CE 2.0 material.

New candidates, along with the over 1,400 existing MEF-CECPs, may now register to take the exam in order to obtain the MEF-CECP 2.0 certification. Existing MEF-CECPs will retain their MEF-CECP certification, which does not expire. The new MEF-CECP exam will be administered to anyone taking the exam after December 1<sup>st</sup> 2013.

“The last 6 months has seen the most significant growth in the MEF CECP certified professionals since its launch in 2011. We now have MEF CECP professionals in 204 organizations across 54 countries. The program has rapidly become a global phenomenon, with telecom service providers and equipment vendors is already making a real impact on the growth of Carrier Ethernet worldwide”, said Craig Easley, one of the founders of the MEF Professional Certification Program

The MEF is offering its existing MEF-CECPs who have recently obtained their certification a discounted exam fee for a limited time. Details may be found on the MEF website ([www.metroethernetforum.org/certification-mef-cecp/overview](http://www.metroethernetforum.org/certification-mef-cecp/overview))

“The MEF-CECP program is preparing a knowledgeable workforce capable of supporting the continued growth of Carrier Ethernet,” said Eric Puetz, Co-Chair of the MEF’s Certification Committee. “Periodic updates to the professional certification program will ensure that it remains current with the MEF technical work. It also ensures that the MEF-CECPs who pass the exam are recognized as experts in their field, and that they are up-to-date on the latest Carrier Ethernet technologies and MEF concepts.”

### **About the MEF-CECP Certification**

Developed by a team of recognized Carrier Ethernet industry leaders and leading subject matter experts, MEF-CECP 2.0 (MEF Carrier Ethernet Certified Professional) is the industry’s first vendor-neutral certification. It affirms that the professionals who pass this rigorous certification have acquired the key competency and skills to design, market, deploy and support Carrier Ethernet equipment, networks, and services. The certification is targeted towards a broad range of telecommunications and networking professionals who want to demonstrate their expertise, skills and knowledge of Carrier Ethernet technologies, standards, services and applications.

For more information on the MEF-CECP certification, including training options, please visit [www.metroethernetforum.org/certification-mef-cecp/overview](http://www.metroethernetforum.org/certification-mef-cecp/overview)

### **About The MEF**

The MEF is a global industry alliance comprising more than 220 organizations including telecommunications service providers, cable MSOs, network equipment/software manufacturers, semiconductor vendors and testing organizations. The MEF’s mission is to accelerate the worldwide adoption of Carrier-class Ethernet networks and services. The MEF develops Carrier Ethernet technical specifications and implementation agreements to promote interoperability and deployment of Carrier Ethernet worldwide.

For more information about the Forum, including a complete listing of all current MEF members, please visit [www.MetroEthernetForum.org](http://www.MetroEthernetForum.org)