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**Verizon's Educational Commitment to Its Technology and Engineering Organization Is Proven via the 2008 Verizon's Technology Forum**

November 6, 2007, Palatine, Illinois – Verizon and OSP® Magazine today announced plans to host the second annual Technology Forum to be held April 10-11, 2008, at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The Technology Forum will immerse 700 of Verizon's managers from the Engineering and Technology organization in:

- Verizon- and Industry-led education
- Industry updates by both Verizon Executives and Industry Analysts
- Vendor Expo
- Breakouts by Discipline

“Verizon is committed to evolving their network and employees, and continually seeks collaboration with telecom experts from the educational and vendor communities,” said Sharon Vollman, VP/Editorial Director, OSP® Magazine. “Verizon has truly wrapped OSP® into their professional development initiatives, the OSP® team is proud to play an integral part in this event.”

“Working with the OSP® educational team, we have created another strong Technology Forum with robust educational seminars for our managers focused on leading-edge technology solutions for evolving Verizon's Broadband network,” said Claire Beth Nogay, Senior Vice President, Engineering and Technology, Verizon. “OSP is a trusted organization because they understand the importance of technical education and the roles both equipment and service providers play in advancing the Network,” continued Nogay. “We're thrilled to extend this partnership for a second year.”

Vollman concurred, “We're so pleased to work with Verizon again this year. Our close working relationship creates a rich collaborative educational and networking experience for Verizon's Technology and Engineering organization. Last year we had an overwhelming response from the vendor community to participate in the Technology Forum; this year we will be offering additional exhibit and sponsorship opportunities to accommodate these vendors and enhance the attendee experience.”

Premiere sponsors of the Verizon Technology Forum in May 2007 were: ADC, Adtran, Alcatel-Lucent, Emerson Network Power, ESRI, GE, Hitachi, Motorola, SeaChange, and Tellabs. Companies interested in exhibit and sponsorship opportunities should contact [sales@ospmag.com](mailto:sales@ospmag.com).

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