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Fujitsu Extends Support for Millennium CMOS Servers

Fujitsu Computer Systems ("Fujitsu") support for Amdahl Millennium Servers still in operation has been extended to March 31, 2009 in North America via its Managed Services business. This announcement answers customer questions regarding the future of Millennium support. Complementing the value of Fujitsu Managed Services, this extension provides a single source of contact and accountability to handle support and maintenance of multi-vendor, multi-platform environments--including Amdahl, Sun, Fujitsu, HP, IBM, StorageTek, EMC, and other manufacturer's products.

From April 2007 Millennium maintenance will be provided via the Fujitsu Multi-Vendor Enterprise Services business and will be generally available until March 31, 2009. Fujitsu will maintain the high level of support that our customers enjoy today, however certain aspects such as hardware and firmware design flaws may not be fixed. We will however endeavor to provide solutions to ensure our customers' ongoing business needs are met.

Customers continue to invest in Amdahl Millennium Servers and want to run these systems for as long as possible. The IBM zSeries and z/OS 64-bit operating systems require a technology refresh—a strategy users have been slow to adopt. Additional challenges to the z/OS 64-bit operating system include the lack of ISV enthusiasm, high infrastructure cost, and a declining skills base. With no competition for 64-bit z/OS, the rising cost of a proprietary IBM environment is driving their customers away, and into the arms of Open Systems and Open Source platforms. However, as users evaluate alternative platforms for legacy systems, the Amdahl Millennium Server continues to deliver a cost-effective solution for the most demanding workloads. For these reasons, users are looking to leverage a competitive environment for their 31-bit investment that will take them well into the future. Additionally Fujitsu offers Legacy Modernization Services that can assist customers as they make the transition to Open Systems platforms, in addition to an array of Intel and SPARC architecture based systems.

Fujitsu recognizes that some of our customers may be planning to migrate to 64-bit hardware platform in order to utilize z/OS 64-bit operating system and applications. The Fujitsu Brokerage Group can assist in providing refurbished IBM 64-bit zSeries processors at a significant cost savings over IBM list prices packaged with installation and maintenance services delivered through Fujitsu Managed Services group.

Dramatically reducing costs through consolidated maintenance service, Fujitsu Managed Services is saving customers up to 50% in IT maintenance costs. Our best-practices consolidation methodology leverages our unique ability to handle multi-vendor, multi-platform environments providing a single source of contact and accountability. Our Managed Services strategy is a strong outsourcing alternative, providing innovative solutions, delivering better price performance and greater flexibility than individual OEM maintenance agreements.

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Additional Resources:

Legacy Modernization Services
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Multi-Vendor Enterprise Support
<http://www.computers.us.fujitsu.com/www/services.shtml?services/multivendor/multivendor>

System/390 Server Support
http://www.computers.us.fujitsu.com/www/support_servers.shtml?support/servers

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