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Technology Assurance Group Invites Shawn Schmidt, President of Digital Planet Communications, Inc., to Offer His Views on the Latest Technologies Impacting the SMB Marketplace

Industry Leader to Lend His Expertise and Years of Experience to U.S. and Canada's Top Technology Providers at TAG's Annual Convention

St. Paul, MN — January 30, 2011 — Digital Planet Communications, Inc., an industry leader in unified communications, announced today that Technology Assurance Group (TAG), an international organization of leading independently owned unified communications companies representing over \$350 million in annual sales, invited Shawn Schmidt, President of Digital Planet Communications, Inc., to present on the latest technologies impacting small to mid-sized businesses (SMB) at the 11th Annual TAG Convention. Mr. Schmidt will share his extensive industry expertise and company's experiences with top technology providers located throughout the United States and Canada. TAG's 2011 Annual Convention will be held on March 16th – 18th in San Antonio, Texas.

With the growth of cloud-based technologies, the theme of the 2011 Annual Convention is "Find Your Silver Lining in the Cloud." SMBs have begun to fully understand the true value of cloud technologies and the market is set to explode. According to predictions by IDC

Research, "By 2014, sales of cloud computing products or services will generate almost \$56 billion in annual revenues." The expansion of cloud technologies will not only have a profound impact on the technology sector, but this growth will transform the manner in which SMBs conduct business across all industries. Schmidt will share his views on the future of cloud technologies, virtualization, hosted solutions, and managed services with other industry professionals. As a well-respected business leader in the industry, many of his peers will gain valuable insight on where the cloud is taking businesses.

"We've always placed the utmost importance on being on the leading edge of technology which is why we spend so much time and energy educating our employees," commented Schmidt. "When we truly understand where our industry is headed, it makes it much easier to increase our customers' profitability and give them a competitive advantage. An ancillary benefit to running our organization in this manner is that we are able to share our experiences with our colleagues at events like the TAG Convention."

"The TAG Convention brings the brightest minds and most innovative thinkers in our industry together to share best practices,

learn from one another and plan for a successful future," stated Brian Suerth, EVP and Partner of Technology Assurance Group. "We are honored to have President Schmidt at our event, and we all look forward to learning from him."

ABOUT DIGITAL PLANET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

In 1992, St. Paul, Minnesota became home to Digital Planet Communications, Inc. Since then the company has been working with small to medium sized businesses to develop Comprehensive Business Communications Solutions on a local and national level. Digital Planet Communications breadth of skills and resources enables its highly skilled team of professionals to deliver a "Total Care" solution for any organization's communication needs. Unlike other companies in the industry, Digital Planet is able to provide multiple options for network services and leading equipment solutions. With technical expertise and un-matched quality of service, Digital Planet Communications has quickly become a leader in the rapidly changing unified communications industry. For more information on Digital Planet Communications,

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ASSURANCE GROUP (TAG)**

Technology Assurance Group,
LLC (TAG) is an international
organization of leading
independently owned unified

communications companies. TAG
provides its members with the
competitive advantages necessary
to achieve a dominant position in
their marketplace. Members benefit
from programs including strategic
partnerships with communication
solution providers, best business
and management practices, and
advanced sales training programs.

TAG's mission is to increase its
Members' sales and profits through
education and to ease their
introduction of new technology to
the marketplace by leveraging their
combined intellect and purchasing
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