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**CALL FOR PAPERS: CLOUD SLAM '09, FIRST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
ON CLOUD COMPUTING, APRIL 20-24 2009**

*Organized by leading authorities and experts,
global conference will tackle the shape and future of Cloud Computing*

Toronto- January 7th, 2009 – A global network of leading experts whose experiences are shaping the future of Cloud Computing is announcing the launch of Cloud Slam '09, a virtual conference covering technology, business models, industry implementation experiences, regulatory compliance, privacy and security, risk management and scientific research in the world of cloud computing.

Cloud Computing professionals are invited to submit their presentation papers by February 12, 2009 at 6PM EST. Submission details and guidelines are available via the conference web site at <http://cloudslam09.com/node/28>.

The Conference program will reflect the highest level of accomplishments in the global cloud computing community, and will feature an exceptional lineup of speakers covering the following representative topics:

- Transition and migration from corporate environments to the Cloud
- Interoperability between corporate infrastructure and Clouds
- ROI in the Cloud (capital and operational expenditure models)
- Pricing and cost accounting for Cloud offerings
- Best practices, use cases and design patterns
- Regulatory compliance and security
- Scientific research in the Cloud (modeling and simulations, computation fluid dynamics, high performance computing, GPU-based solutions, running MATLAB/Mathematica models in the Cloud, etc.)
- Latest data center technologies
- Use of virtualized and non-virtualized (close to metal) technologies in the Cloud
- Overflow from corporate facilities to the Cloud
- Difference between Grid and Cloud (distinctive attributes)
- Storage in the Cloud: the Cloud from an end-user perspective
- Optimal network topologies, specific to Cloud environments
- Quick and secure delivery of applications and services over the Cloud to consumers and businesses
- Applications and challenges for enterprise financial systems

The virtual conference format will be supported by an online community platform in order to facilitate professional networking opportunities among the registered attendees.

The organizing committee includes the following leading experts:

Geoffrey Fox, Professor of Computer Science, University of Indiana; Greg Pfister, Independent Computer Hardware Professional, Distinguished Engineer at STG, IBM; Tim Mather, V.P. & Chief Security Strategist at RSA Conferences; Eliezer Dekel, Senior Technical Staff Member, Manager, Distributed Middleware IBM Research Laboratory in Haifa; Kristi Schultz, STSM - Blue Cloud Ensemble Management, IBM; Gabriel Sallah, HPC and Virtualisation Architect Global markets at Standard Chartered Bank in Singapore; John Savageau, CTO, CRG West; Achim Luhn, Director Innovation Projects at Siemens IT Solutions and Services; Khazret Sapenov, CTO, Cloudcor Inc.; Dave Graham, EMC Corporation; Paco Nathan, Adknowledge; Krishna Sankar, Distinguished Engineer at Cisco; Chris Sears, SunGard; Randy Bias, VP Technology Strategy, GoGrid; Chris Marino, CEO, SnapLogic; Andre Merzky, IT Analyst CCT, Louisiana State University; Igor Edelman, VP Engineering at Bank of America; J. Andrew Rogers, VP Geospatial Systems at Neopolitan; Subra Kumaraswamy, Sr. Security Manager at Sun Microsystems; Richard Donaldson, COO at United Layer; Brian Cinque, Data Center Architect at Sun Microsystems; Sassa NF, Technology Advisor; Eric Moore, Technical Consultant, HP Software; Rob Gingell, CTO and EVP Product Development for Cassatt; Daniel Schwartz, Banking Industry; and Edward Browdy, Information Assurance and Security Professional.

Further details on Cloud Slam '09 are available on the conference web site at <http://cloudslam09.com>

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