Grid Institute Endorses Sun Grid

BOSTON, MA - March 22, 2006 - The Grid Institute is pleased to formally endorse Sun Grid as a premier computing utility service provider for the global Media Grid. Following several months of early collaboration, the Grid Institute and Sun Microsystems (NASDAQ: SUNW) are now connecting the Media Grid and Sun Grid using open standards. Key to this collaboration is the recent opening of Sun Grid to the public, enabling the Media Grid to route a variety of digital media jobs to Sun Grid using standard Web services and open APIs.

"By opening Sun Grid to the public in this way Sun Microsystems provides fuel for a new generation of power-hungry applications such as the Media Grid, for which access to a vast reservoir of computational resources over the Internet is essential," said Aaron E. Walsh, Director of the Grid Institute's MediaGrid.org standards organization. "The Grid Institute and Sun Microsystems are building a bridge between the Media Grid and Sun Grid using open standards for the benefit of digital media applications and the general computing public at large," continued Walsh. "We look forward to a significant portion of Media Grid traffic being handled by Sun Grid, especially for our most demanding applications in the entertainment, biotechnology, and medical fields. These types of Media Grid applications routinely consume terabytes of storage and teraflops of processing power, both of which are mission-critical services that we can rely on Sun Grid to deliver on demand and in a secure manner."

The Media Grid is a public utility for digital media. Based on new and emerging distributed computational grid technologies, the Media Grid builds upon existing Internet and Web standards to create a unique network optimized for digital media delivery, storage, and processing. As an on-demand public computing utility, a range of software programs and Web sites can use the Media Grid for delivery and storage of rich media content, media processing, and computing power. It is an open and extensible platform that enables a wide range of applications not possible with the traditional Internet alone, including: Massive Media on Demand (MMoD); Interactive digital cinema on demand; Immersive education and distance learning; Truly immersive multiplayer games and Virtual Reality (VR); Hollywood movie and film rendering, special effects, and composition; Real-time rendering of high resolution graphics; Real-time visualization of complex weather patterns; Real-time protein modeling and drug design; Telepresence, telemedicine, and telesurgery; Vehicle and aircraft design and simulation; Visualization of scientific and medical data.

The Grid Institute leads the design and development of the global Media Grid through the MediaGrid.org open standards organization in collaboration with industry, academia, and governments from around the world.

To learn more about Media Grid and Sun Grid visit MediaGrid.org and www.network.com