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FUSION-IO DEBUTS FASTER, COOLER SOLID-STATE TECHNOLOGY

Solution will be Offered Exclusively in IBM System x Servers

SALT LAKE CITY; Dec. 9, 2009—Fusion-io today announced the company's core ioMemory technology will serve as the basis for a solid-state storage solution offered exclusively in IBM's (NYSE: IBM) family of System x servers. The new solution is designed to address the storage needs of data-heavy applications such as those used in social media, ecommerce and financial services.

The new IBM High IOPS Adapter will help database, application and system administrators architect their data centers to meet performance goals that could not be realized with traditional, disk-based storage solutions. For example, by utilizing the server-deployed storage tier, known as Flash Memory Tier (FMT), data-heavy graphics and 3-D renderings from medical research could be processed in minutes instead of hours.

Additionally, the power and cooling costs of these solid-state technologies are less than one percent of traditional spinning drives. Since the High IOPS Adapter is deployed directly in the server, storage rack space requirements can be reduced to zero in some applications.

"In today's data center, systems running everything from online commerce to medical records are being asked to manage massive amounts of data," said Robert Galush, vice president, IBM Systems & Technology Group. "Working with Fusion-io, System x servers are delivering technology that optimizes these data-heavy workloads, allowing systems to not only handle the increases, but do so more efficiently."

The IBM High IOPS Adapter supports enterprise customers' reliability needs by offering Fusion's Flashback protection, which features chip-level redundancy. The Adapter also gives customers advanced error correction and many other features that make the solid-state solution one of the most dependable in the industry.

“We are excited to collaborate with IBM and bring easily managed, server-deployed solid-state technology to more of the world’s system and database administrators,” said David Flynn, CTO and president of Fusion-io. “In addition to the data performance improvements and industry-leading reliability, IBM customers have the ability to significantly reduce capital equipment, floor space and power consumed by their data center operations, enabling innovation at all levels of the data center architecture.”

The new IBM High IOPS Adapter can be purchased through IBM. To learn more, visit: http://www-03.ibm.com/systems/storage/disk/ssd/ssd_adapters.html.

About Fusion-io

Fusion-io is a leading provider of enterprise solid-state technology and high-performance I/O solutions. The company’s solid state storage technology closes the gap between processing power and storage needs delivering breakthrough performance at a fraction of the cost of traditional disk-based storage systems. The result is a world of possibilities for performance-starved applications. For more information, please visit www.fusionio.com.