

# Accedian Networks joins IEEE 1588 Conformity Alliance

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**Accedian joins an elite group of industry leaders as Founding Board Member of the newly formed IEEE 1588 Conformity Alliance, formed to promote Precision Time Protocol for synchronization delivery over packet networks**



Craig Easley, Vice President of Marketing and Product Management for Accedian Networks, at NetEvents EMEA Press Summit Istanbul

Accedian Networks, the number one provider of High Performance Service Assurance™ solutions for Carrier Ethernet mobile backhaul networks, joins an elite group of industry leaders as Founding Board Member of the newly formed IEEE 1588 Conformity Alliance. Recently announced as part of the IEEE Conformity Assessment Program (ICAP), the Alliance was launched to advocate and certify IEEE 1588™ 2008 implementations, with an initial focus on the telecom profile for applications such as mobile backhaul. A later project will add certification for the IEEE 1588 'power profile' for smart-grid applications.

Delivering accurate synchronization over packet networks is critical to the successful deployment of Carrier Ethernet for mobile backhaul and other high performance Ethernet applications. As the leading provider of High Performance Service Assurance for Carrier Ethernet-based mobile backhaul networks, Accedian sees this as an opportunity to help develop this important industry certification program and promote the adoption of IEEE 1588 for synchronization delivery over packet networks. "The 1588 Conformity Alliance founders bring together leaders from the Synchronization and Carrier Ethernet industries with the common goal of advancing IEEE 1588," said Bob Mandeville, Acting Chairman of the 1588 Conformity Alliance. "Accedian's expertise in the Carrier Ethernet industry strengthens the Alliance and will help promote 1588 as the de-facto standard for delivering synchronization over packet networks.

"Carrier Ethernet for mobile backhaul has exploded in North America over the past 2 years due to the availability of GPS synchronization information at the cell sites," said Craig Easley, Vice President of Marketing and Product Management for Accedian Networks. "Outside the US, there lacks a single standard way to deliver synchronization over Ethernet packet-based networks. By promoting the IEEE 1588 telecom profile and certifying individual implementations of that standard, we believe that this will remove the last obstacle to the wide-spread adoption of Carrier Ethernet for mobile backhaul outside of North America."

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