Lymeware Eases CLEC Integration with New IAgent3 IA Offerings for IBM eServer Systems

CLECs have more choices than ever for a powerful Interactive Agent platform

Old Lyme, Connecticut, 16 February 2005 - Lymeware Corporation, an innovative provider of CLEC and Telecom software solutions, announced today the availability of its IAgent3 Interactive Agent product for Linux on all IBM^R eServer^{TM} platforms. This new version of the popular IAgent3 Secure Messaging Interactive Agent (IA) product now supports Red Hat Enterprise Linux on IBM eServer xSeries, iSeries, pSeries, zSeries, OpenPower and BladeCenter servers.

The Lymeware IAgent3 product is a conformal implementation of the Telecommunications Industry Forum (TCIF/ECIC) Electronic Communications Interactive Agent (TCIF 98-006 issue 2 and issue 3 IA), which allows secure EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) transactions over insecure networks, dedicated connections or the Internet via strong encryption, using Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) and Transport Layer Security (TLS) open standards.

The Interactive Agent protocol is the U.S. Telecommunications industry standard integration interface for wholesale ordering and pre-ordering of services and network elements, and is either supported or required by all of the major Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers (ILECs).

The commerce-class IAgent3 product is currently used by Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs) across the nation to connect with all of the top ILECs and provides integration interfaces to CLEC Operation Support Systems (OSS) and ordering systems. A version of the IAgent3 product for Service Bureau companies (capable of supporting multiple CLECs to multiple ILECs from a single IA platform) is also available.

Lymeware leveraged the IBM eServer^{TM} Application Advantage^{TM} for Linux (Chiphopper^{TM}) offering pilot program to achieve availability on all IBM eServer platforms - and also to achieve Linux Standards Base 2.0 application certification on POWER (ppc32). The Chiphopper offering provides code checking tools, technical support and access to IBM eServer platforms and middleware platforms. It also provides LSB certification test suites and consulting support as an optional feature. Lymeware took advantage of this excellent support to become the one of the first applications certified to the LSB 2.0, on Novell's SUSE LINUX Enterprise Server 9.

"IBM's assistance was instrumental in allowing us to quickly port and test our IAgent3 product on Linux across the eServer family of platforms", declared Michael Kobar, Chief Technology Officer, Lymeware. "We are now able to provide our product to customers on everything from a desktop, to a high-end server, all the way up to a mainframe, and all from the same code base."

Lymeware has provided a robust, secure, fast transport of EDI and non-EDI messages and electronic messaging since 1999, and has extensive IA configuration and ILEC connectivity experience.

A free 30-day evaluation of the full IAgent3 product is available upon request.

About Lymeware

Lymeware Corporation, founded in 1995, provides secure messaging solutions, XML/EDI integration frameworks, and consulting services for Fortune 1000 companies, CLECs and other service providers throughout the US. Lymeware built the first ILEC EDI ordering platform, several of the first CLEC ordering systems, the first IA to successfully test with all of the top ILECs, the first XML-based OSS to support EDI and several other innovations in the Telecom Industry. Lymeware Corporation is privately held and has offices in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

For more information about Lymeware, visit www.lymeware.com.

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