

STEC Breaks New Ground With Innovative Deployment of Enterprise Solid State Drives (SSD) in Multiple IBM Systems

IBM Leverages STEC SSDs in the SAN and Beyond, Incorporating Both Zeus-Fibre Channel and Zeus-SAS in Storage and Power Series Servers

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SANTA ANA, Calif., May 5, 2009 (GlobeNewswire via COMTEX) -- STEC, Inc. ([STEC](#)) today announced the full integration of STEC's Zeus-IOPS SSD in IBM systems, including IBM System Storage DS8000 as well as the Power Series Server and Direct Attached Storage Systems. The DS8000 and Power Systems are two of IBM's most widely utilized high performance storage and server systems.

This development reflects IBM's selection of the Zeus-IOPS SAS SSD. IBM's POWER Systems will support solid state with new energy-efficient Zeus solid state drives. The IBM System Storage DS8000 supports the most demanding business applications with its exceptional performance and superior data throughput, providing a scalable, flexible tiered storage, for which Zeus-IOPS proves an optimal fit.

"We enjoyed collaborating with STEC as a key solid state technology provider," said Mike Desens, vice president of systems design, IBM. "Solid state flash technology promises to revolutionize the IT industry, bringing greater value to customers by increasing performance across an ever increasing range of applications and workloads. STEC's technology on IBM systems will be important in the development of the next-generation data center."

"The strong partnership with IBM is a reflection of the shared vision across IBM and STEC. STEC possesses the most-extensive enterprise-level design and product expertise and is the definitive one-stop shop for enterprise-class SSD. We have vast knowledge and technology in terms of high performance and high reliability SSD. Through close collaboration, STEC has optimized a range of products to meet the unique needs of IBM," said Manouch Moshayedi, chairman and chief executive officer of STEC. "STEC is the only SSD vendor offering a comprehensive array of enterprise-class SSDs, all designed with our proprietary SSD Engine which enables the highest levels of performance and reliability in an SSD."

The Zeus-IOPS SSD product family offers a comprehensive array of options for enterprise system architects and is the world's most broadly deployed SSD technology. Zeus-IOPS SSD provides a wide range of interface options, spanning Fibre Channel to SAS to SATA, as well as the widest range of capacity options. Fundamental to the Zeus-IOPS product family is the proprietary SSD architecture which renders an enterprise-optimized storage device with an unprecedented combination of performance and energy efficiency.

For more information about this important announcement as well as other matters associated with STEC's enterprise SSD capabilities and products, visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com/ssd/technology>.

STEC, Inc., with headquarters in Santa Ana, California and offices around the globe, designs, manufactures and markets high performance storage solutions. The company's product portfolio includes the industry's broadest SSD offerings. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.stec-inc.com/ssd/technology>.

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