



**ServerWorks**

## **News Release**

### **ServerWorks' ServerSet III Allows IBM to Add High-End Reliability to Intel-Based Servers**

Santa Clara, Calif. – March 14, 2000 – ServerWorks Corp., the leading independent supplier of high-performance core logic for Intel<sup>®</sup>-based servers, today announced that the IBM Corporation has incorporated its ServerSet III HE core logic in IBM's new Netfinity 7100 and Netfinity 7600 servers. Each of the new models supports up to four Pentium<sup>®</sup> III Xeon processors running at 550 MHz. IBM begins delivery of these new systems this week.

IBM emphasizes the ability of these systems to handle the mission-critical applications in which system hardware reliability, availability and serviceability play a key role. The new systems leverage Netfinity X-architecture, which borrows technologies from IBM's high-end servers. These include Active PCI, allowing for the addition and replacement of new PCI cards without the need to re-start the server; and an integrated Chipkill memory which provides for an unmatched level of availability for Intel-based servers.

The memory controller within the ServerWorks' logic plays a key role in the memory system's high-availability operation. The ServerSet III HE's north bridge supports a 256-bit wide memory system with up to sixteen PC133 registered DIMMs, for a maximum capacity of 16-GBytes. In prior systems, Chipkill implementation occurred at the DIMM level. By working closely with ServerWorks' designers, Chipkill is now incorporated in the new ServerSet III core logic. Therefore, high-availability memory levels are even more affordable.

“We continue to lead the industry with our Netfinity servers by delivering features that customers truly value,” said James Gargan, director, product marketing, IBM Netfinity. “Our ongoing relationship with ServerWorks allows us to blend the best components the industry has to offer with our own X-architecture to provide a superior solution.”

“Our relationship with IBM illustrates how a solid relationship strengthens both partners,” commented Raju Vegesna, ServerWorks' president and CEO. “IBM has taught us much about what it takes to succeed in demanding server environments, and we've responded to these requirements with cost-effective silicon solutions. This collaboration yields better products for ServerWorks and IBM, and better solutions for end customers. Although IBM has used our ServerSets in earlier Netfinity offerings, today's announcement reflects the first outputs of a deeper technological cooperation between our two companies. I'm confident the products that follow those announced today will be even more exciting.”

For more information about IBM Netfinity, visit [www.ibm.com/servers/netfinity](http://www.ibm.com/servers/netfinity).

### **About ServerWorks:**

ServerWorks Corp., (formerly Reliance Computer Corp.), the world's leading independent supplier of high-performance core logic for Intel<sup>®</sup>-based servers and workstations, has delivered more than two million ServerSet<sup>™</sup> chipsets since its inception in 1995. Its recently introduced ServerSet<sup>™</sup> III architecture allows Original Equipment Manufacturers to address a wide range of market requirements with a single family of compatible core logic devices.

ServerWorks products form the basis for entry-level and mid-range servers offered by top-tier server suppliers, including Compaq Computer, Dell, Hewlett-Packard, IBM, Intergraph and NEC. Privately held ServerWorks is based in Santa Clara, Calif.

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