F5 Achieves Cisco Compatibility Certification with the Cisco Solution Partner Program

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SAN FRANCISCO--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **CISCO LIVE** – F5 Networks (NASDAQ:FFIV) today announced that its $\operatorname{Traffix}^{^{\mathsf{TM}}}$ Signaling Delivery Controller $^{^{\mathsf{TM}}}$ (SDC $^{^{\mathsf{TM}}}$) has successfully achieved Cisco compatibility certification with Cisco Unified Computing System (UCS) Manager. The Internet of Everything (IoE) continues to bring together people, processes, data, and things to enhance the relevancy of network connections. As a member of the Cisco $^{\mathsf{R}}$ Solution Partner Program, F5 is able to quickly create and deploy solutions to enhance the capabilities, performance, and management of the network to capture value in the IoE.

The F5 Traffix Signaling Delivery Controller (SDC) offers intelligent context-aware Diameter routing, load balancing, and interworking on one platform for the cost-effective and rapid rollout of LTE networks and services. It manages Diameter signaling messages that enable data use in LTE and 3G networks to ensure consistent network reliability and performance with maximum scale. Operators deploying the SDC also benefit from advanced monitoring, visualization, and troubleshooting capabilities that improve failover management and overload control, protecting networks from signaling surges (which tend to lead to service outages). The SDC component-based architecture is optimized for Software Defined Networking (SDN) and Network Functions Virtualization (NFV) architectures, including the Cisco UCS platform for virtualized systems.

"F5's efforts with Cisco are focused on compelling performance advantages for customers deploying our solutions together," said Ben Volkow, VP of Product Development at F5. "Embedding the Traffix SDC within Cisco's UCS Manager delivers a virtualized signaling platform for service providers, and enables their networks to benefit from the savings of elastic and open architecture. This achievement of a core network virtualized solution requires a deep understanding of Diameter signaling management in the context of service providers' needs to reduce time-to-market and operating expenses."

The Cisco Solution Partner Program, part of the Cisco Partner Ecosystem, unites Cisco with third-party independent hardware and software vendors to deliver integrated solutions to joint customers. As a Solution Partner, F5 offers complementary product offerings and has started to collaborate with Cisco to meet the needs of joint customers. For more information on F5's Traffix Signaling Delivery Controller interoperability with Cisco Unified Computing System Manager, go to https://marketplace.cisco.com/catalog/products/5953.

About F5

F5 (NASDAQ:FFIV) provides solutions for an application world. F5 helps organizations seamlessly scale cloud, data center, and software defined networking (SDN) deployments to successfully deliver applications to anyone, anywhere, at any time. F5 solutions broaden the reach of IT through an open, extensible framework and a rich partner ecosystem of leading technology and data center orchestration vendors. This approach lets customers pursue the infrastructure model that best fits their needs over time. The world's largest businesses, service providers, government entities, and consumer brands rely on F5 to stay ahead of cloud, security, and mobility trends. For more information, go to f5.com.

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*Compatibility certification via Interoperability Verification Testing and Cisco Validated Design is designed to simulate typical customer configurations and does not replace the need for on-site testing and interoperability validation in conjunction with actual implementation.

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