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NETSCOUT Joins OPNFV Project to Help Accelerate Open Source Network Functions Virtualization

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WESTFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Feb. 1, 2017-- **NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC.,** (NASDAQ:NTCT), a leading provider of business assurance, a powerful combination of service assurance, cybersecurity, and business intelligence solutions, announced today that it has joined the **Open Platform for Network Functions Virtualization** (OPNFV) project, which facilitates the development and evolution of NFV components across various open source ecosystems through integration, deployment, and testing. As a Silver member of OPNFV, NETSCOUT will provide an important voice in support of the mission to accelerate open source NFV.

“We are extremely pleased to have joined the many distinguished members of the OPNFV project, which is committed to accelerating the transformation of enterprise and service provider networks to a dynamic software-centric platform,” stated Dr. Vikram Saksena, chief solutions architect, NETSCOUT. “As a leading player of security and service assurance technologies, we believe NETSCOUT’s expertise will allow us to make an invaluable contribution to OPNFV. In addition to benefitting the industry as a whole, our customers will also benefit from our participation, as NETSCOUT gains critical insights into leading-edge technologies.”

The OPNFV project, which was launched over two years ago, is composed of 51 member companies who are committed to advancing a flexible, open source framework for NFV.

“Collaboration is key to the success of OPNFV, which is comprised of a diverse member base of global telecom, wireless, vendor, and research organizations that share a common vision for the future,” said Heather Kirksey, director, OPNFV. “We are honored to have NETSCOUT amongst our ranks and look forward to the wealth of knowledge they’ll bring to our community. Service assurance and security are important areas as NFV becomes deployed in real-world networks and we look forward to their contribution in this area.”

About NETSCOUT

NETSCOUT SYSTEMS, INC. (NASDAQ:NTCT) is a leading provider of business assurance – a powerful combination of service assurance, cybersecurity, and business intelligence solutions – for today's most demanding service provider, enterprise and government networks. NETSCOUT's Adaptive Service Intelligence (ASI) technology continuously monitors the service delivery environment to identify performance issues and provides insight into network-based security threats, helping teams to quickly resolve issues that can cause business disruptions or impact user experience. NETSCOUT delivers unmatched service visibility and protects the digital infrastructure that supports our connected world. To learn more, visit **www.netscout.com** or follow @NETSCOUT on Twitter, Facebook, or LinkedIn.

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