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CLOUD STANDARDS CUSTOMER COUNCIL ANNOUNCES VERSION 2.0 OF INTEROPERABILITY AND PORTABILITY FOR CLOUD COMPUTING WHITEPAPER

Adds guidance based on ISO/IEC 19941

Needham, MA - January 16, 2018 — The Cloud Standards Customer Council™ (CSCC™) an end-user advocacy group dedicated to accelerating cloud's successful adoption, today published version 2.0 of its whitepaper, *Interoperability and Portability for Cloud Computing: A Guide*. Authors of the paper will present a complimentary webinar on January 24, 2018, from 11:00am – 12:00pm ET to introduce the paper.

Today, organizations are employing a wide range of cloud services and transitioning data and applications to cloud computing environments. The topics of "interoperability" and "portability" are significant considerations in relation to the use of cloud services, but there is also confusion and misunderstanding of exactly what this entails. The aim of this guide is to provide a clear definition of interoperability and of portability and how these relate to various aspects of cloud computing and to cloud services.

Version 2.0 has been updated to reflect the new ISO/IEC 19941 *Cloud Computing Interoperability and Portability* standard and its facet models of interoperability, data portability, and application portability. The model of an application and the process of porting an application have been updated to reflect new thinking contained in ISO/IEC 19941. Additionally, containers and the role of automation have been addressed, as these have become dominant trends for cloud users.

The paper provides guidance for avoiding vendor-lock in, which allows customers to make the best use of multiple diverse

cloud services that can cooperate and interoperate with each other, which is critical to future cloud service adoption and the realization of the benefits of computing as a utility.

Webinar details are posted on the CSCC website at http://www.cloud-council.org/webinars/interoperability-and-portability-for-cloud-computing-a-guide-v2.htm.

About the Cloud Standards Customer Council

The Cloud Standards Customer Council™ (CSCC™) is an end-user advocacy group dedicated to accelerating the cloud's successful adoption and drilling down into the standards, security and interoperability issues surrounding the transition to the cloud. The CSCC is chartered to work with standards development organizations (SDOs), open source communities, and end user organizations to publish vendor-neutral guides on important cloud computing topics. The guides are distributed to industry members to highlight customer requirements, influence standards development, and advance the adoption of cloud computing. The CSCC is managed by the Object Management Group® (OMG®), an international, open membership, not-for-profit technology standards consortium. For more information, visit www.cloud-council.org.

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