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## IPv6 Contest: Looking for Fresh Ideas for the New Internet

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Potsdam, Germany – January 23, 2009 – The German IPv6 Council today initiated a contest for ideas pertaining to the next generation of the Internet. The council invites submissions of applications that are based on the new Internet standard of IPv6. This way the transition to the new rules of data traffic on the Internet will take place in an efficient manner and on a large scale. The German IPv6 Council, founded in late 2007 in Potsdam, will award prizes of up to 10.000 Euros to the best developers' ideas for concepts, applications, and implementations. The submission deadline is April 10, 2009. The winners will be announced and receive their awards at the 2nd German IPv6 Summit on May 14, 2009 in Potsdam.

"The contest will provide an opportunity for software and application developers and interested parties in general to gain further experience in dealing with the new Internet protocol," said Professor Christoph Meinel, director of the Hasso-Plattner-Institute (HPI), chair for Internet Technologies and Systems at HPI and chairman of the German IPv6 Council. "The main evaluation criteria will how strongly the proposals promote the continuous propagation of IPv6 and how strongly they contribute to the transmission of a new Internet experience," Meinel said.

Following the 3<sup>rd</sup> National IT Summit in late November 2008, the German IPv6 Council announced the development of a detailed roadmap for implementation of the new mega-net, an endeavor it pursues in cooperation with the federal government, industry associations, scientists and other actors from academia, and Internet users. With its final declaration, the "Darmstädter Erklärung", the IT Summit provided renewed resolve for the introduction of the new IPv6 Internet in Germany.

The German IPv6 Council is the German national branch of the international IPv6 Forum, an umbrella organization of more than 50 national bodies. The mission of the German IPv6 Council is to unite all national industrial, academic, political, and administrative actors who are concerned with the improved technical standards for data transmission on the new Internet and to advocate for the implementation of the new Internet protocol. This objective will be achieved through increased awareness among end users and

industry about a more refined and secure Internet, as well as improvements in technology and marketing. Currently about a dozen representatives from politics, industry, and academia work together in the German IPv6 Council.

Further information: [www.ipv6council.de/contest](http://www.ipv6council.de/contest)

**About The German IPv6 Council:**

The German IPv6 Council has been established to group all the different persons in industry, research, politics and administration in the IPv6 field in Germany. The council's mission is to advocate for IPv6 by improving technology, market, user and industry awareness of IPv6 thus creating a quality and secure new Generation Internet. For additional information, visit: <http://www.ipv6council.de/>.

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