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## **NEC Solutions America and QuadRite Partner to Deliver 'Enterprise Product Lifecycle Management' Solution to Discrete Product Manufacturers**

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New Offering Slashes Costs and Time to Market for New Products by Enabling Collaboration between Internal Teams and External Partners

NEC Solutions (America), Inc., a premier provider of integrated solutions for the Connected Enterprise in North America, today announced a partnership with QuadRite, Inc., an innovative developer of Product Lifecycle Management (PLM) software, in which NEC's award-winning Express5800 fault tolerant servers and QuadRite's RitePro(TM) PLM software will be packaged to provide an "Always-On Enterprise Product Lifecycle Management" solution to discrete product manufacturers.

The new turnkey solution will significantly reduce the cost and time for bringing new products to market by enabling manufacturing companies to easily manage and collaborate on complex products across geography and across internal and external organizations. The NEC Solutions America and QuadRite offering represents one of the PLM industry's first "packaged solutions" in which hardware, software, domain expertise and integration experience are combined to offer a total solution to manage a company's product system of record.

"Our partnership with QuadRite further realizes NEC Solutions America's vision of connecting enterprises simply and efficiently by providing a packaged solution that delivers a collaborative and distributed environment," said Yuji Ichimura, vice president, Corporate Planning and Marketing, NEC Solutions America. "Moreover, this new PLM solution taps into NEC's extensive experience in implementing large-scale mission-critical business applications with hardware and networking solutions to manufacturing enterprises. With this powerful new technology and service combination, customers will benefit from improved efficiencies of complex collaborations."

"QuadRite's RitePro software provides a solution that integrates product information and processes across different organizations, internal or external to a company, independent of geography," said Deb Mishra, chief executive officer, QuadRite. "Real-time sharing and managing product information enables an efficient and effective product development network for companies. Companies can now team with external design and manufacturing partners quickly."

The Always-On Enterprise Product Lifecycle Management solution combines NEC's high-availability Express5800 fault tolerant servers, which enable 24x7 operation of mission-critical applications with 99.999% up-time, with QuadRite's Web-native, easy-to-use and cost-effective RitePro PLM solution built with industry best practices. NEC Solutions America

will provide customer service and support for deployments, enabling single-vendor simplicity for customers.

The NEC/QuadRite Enterprise Product Lifecycle Management solution is designed for the needs of mid- to Fortune 500-sized discrete and process manufacturers, including medical device manufacturers, high tech companies, and automotive OEM and parts suppliers.

#### About QuadRite, Inc.

QuadRite, Inc. provides a powerful, full-featured, web-native PLM solution built on industry best practices. It significantly reduces the time to value and the total cost of ownership from installation to production for a PLM system. More information about QuadRite, Inc. can be found at <http://www.quadrite.com/>.

#### About NEC Solutions (America), Inc.

NEC Solutions (America), Inc. is a premier provider of integrated solutions for the Connected Enterprise in North America. As an affiliate of NEC Corporation (Nasdaq:NIPNY) (FTSE:6701q.1), NEC Solutions America taps into a global resource network to help clients leverage technology to achieve a competitive edge. From corporate performance management and biometric security solutions to digital cinema and in-theatre advertising systems, visual displays and server solutions, the expertise is delivered with the personal attention needed to address individual situations. With headquarters in Rancho Cordova, California, NEC Solutions America serves a wide range of markets, including the health care and public safety, financial services, cinema, retail and manufacturing markets. Information regarding NEC Solutions America can be found at <http://www.necsam.com/>.

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