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## **VITA Releases “2008 State of the VME Technology Industry” Whitepaper**

### **Forecasts Strong Market in 2008 for VME Technologies in Critical Embedded Systems Computing Platforms**

SCOTTSDALE, AZ, February 13, 2008 — VITA, the trade association dedicated to fostering American National Standards Institute (ANSI) accredited, open system architectures in critical embedded system applications has just released an extensive whitepaper the “*2008 State of the VME Technology Industry*” from the perspective of the executive director, Ray Alderman. In this paper, Mr. Alderman discusses significant markets, technology, mergers/acquisitions, VME forecasts and risk management trends for the VME industry.

“I predict that the market for VME products will grow about 10% in 2008 from the current base of \$1 billion. A large portion of that growth will be in new VME Technologies and in maintaining legacy programs in the MIL/COTS and industrial market segments”, stated Mr. Alderman.

New advancements continue to be made in the technologies required for critical embedded system applications and VITA is very active in developing new architectural standards for use in these applications. The VITA Standards Organization (VSO) has several working groups working on new standards.

The VSO currently has more than 35 working groups active and in various stages of progress. Most urgent among these are

- The completion of **VPX**, a new computing standard combining the latest in connector and packaging technology with the latest in serial fabric and bus technology.
- Ruggedized Enhanced Design Implementation (**REDI**) new computing standard defining mechanical specifications for cooling and maintenance strategies for embedded computing modules.
- **Reliability Prediction** Community of Practice to ensure that companies have the adequate tools, best practices and self-assessment methods to conduct reliability analysis.
- An **integrated modular chassis** standard defining a family of Line Replaceable Integrated Electronic Assemblies based upon best practices in industrial design and suitable for mobile applications and harsh environments.
- New **mezzanine** standards to meet changing application needs.

Membership in VITA remains solid and growing as the membership shifts to address the needs of critical embedded systems. New members have joined in order to contribute to specification work on new projects while others have refocused their businesses on core strategies. VITA maintains a healthy mix of supply and demand side membership ensuring that the right specifications are being developed for the right applications.

### ***About VITA***

Founded in 1984, VITA is an incorporated, non-profit organization of suppliers and users who share a common market interest in critical embedded systems. VITA champions open system architectures. Its activities are international in scope, technical, promotional and user-centric. VITA aims to increase total market size for its members, expand market exposure for suppliers, and deliver timely technical information. VITA has ANSI and IEC accreditation to develop standards (VME, VXS, VPX, XMC, etc) for embedded systems used in a myriad of critical applications and harsh environments. For further information, visit [www.vita.com](http://www.vita.com) .

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