

## **Kontron Expands its ETX Certified Partner Program** *Community of Qualified Carrier Board Designers Continues to Grow*

**San Diego (August 22, 2006)** - Kontron announces the expansion of the Kontron ETX Certified Design Partner program to include three new members in the Americas. Boston Design Solutions, Access I/O Products, and World Micro join the community of carrier board designers that support Kontron's expansive ETX product family of highly integrated Computer-On-Module products.

In order to support the development of reliable customized carrier boards for the diverse number of possible embedded applications solutions that are to be based on ETX modules, Kontron has established the ETX Certified Partner Program.

ETX Certified Partners have been qualified by Kontron and have the necessary "know-how" to create reliable ETX carrier boards within the project's specified time frame. Boston Design Solutions, Access I/O Products, and World Micro have proven themselves to Kontron by working with the embedded computing technology leader to develop successful ETX and other Kontron COM-based solutions for applications ranging from communications and military to multimedia and medical and more.

"ETX modules are the best solution for custom systems that need many special features that no single off-the-shelf, cookie-cutter carrier board can hope match. Thus, having a community of designers who have been qualified by the leader in embedded COMs to be able to develop carrier boards to meet these needs is of value to Kontron and the entire embedded market," stated Matthias Huber, director of Kontron Embedded Modules Division. "ETX Certified Partners have the proven know-how to create reliable ETX carrier boards because of their relationship with Kontron. They are the perfect resource for the embedded developer working on a very quick-to-market project regardless of overall volume."

Examples of the work done by Kontron ETX Certified Partner's have been on display at several recent events including the Embedded Systems Conference in Silicon Valley this past April, as well as the WindRiver Worldwide Users Conference held in Orlando, Florida, this past May. To learn more about the ETX Certified Partner Program, please contact Kontron's Embedded Modules Division at 866.242.7006.

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### **About Kontron:**

A global leader in embedded computer technology and mobile rugged solutions, Kontron supplies a diversified customer base of OEMs, system integrators, and application providers in the: automation, test and measurement, communications, medical, gaming and entertainment, military, aerospace, transportation, and energy markets. The company helps its customers considerably reduce their time-to-market and gain a competitive advantage with products including: high-performance open computer platforms and systems, single board computers, human-machine interfaces, and mobile rugged computers and displays. Kontron employs more than 2,300 people worldwide and has manufacturing facilities in Europe, North America, and Asia-Pacific. The company is listed on the German TecDAX 30 stock exchange under the symbol "KBC". Kontron is a Premier member in the Intel® Communications Alliance which means earliest access to leading-edge Intel technologies and privileged engineering support. For additional information on Kontron, please visit [www.kontron.com](http://www.kontron.com).

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