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## Four New Members Join SDR Forum

**Phoenix, February 15, 2008** – The SDR Forum announced that four radio technology providers - Agilent, Datron, EF Johnson, and STMicroelectronics - have joined the Forum as new members.

A brief snapshot of each company:

Agilent Technologies ([www.agilent.com](http://www.agilent.com)), located in Santa Clara, CA, is the world's premier measurement company and a technology leader in communications, electronics, life sciences and chemical analysis. The company has two business segments -bioanalytical measurement and electronic measurement. Agilent has 19,000 employees and serves customers in more than 110 countries. Fiscal year 2007 revenues were \$5.4 billion.

Datron World Communications ([www.dtwc.com](http://www.dtwc.com)) is a privately-held company in Vista, CA, and is widely recognized as a world leader in HF/VHF voice and data communications. Radio products and communications systems are provided to government, military and industrial organizations in over 100 countries worldwide.

Irvine, TX-based EF Johnson ([www.efjohnson.com](http://www.efjohnson.com)) provides two-way radios and trunked/conventional communication systems for law enforcement, fire fighters, EMS and the military. The company was founded in 1923 and was one of the first developers of wireless communications products to be fully compliant with Project 25 interoperability standards.

STMicroelectronics ([www.st.com](http://www.st.com)), located in Geneva, Switzerland, is one of the world's largest semiconductor companies with net revenues of \$10 billion in 2007. The company is a leading producer of application-specific analog chips and power conversion devices, and is the number one supplier of semiconductors for the industrial market and for set-top box applications.

"By joining the SDR Forum, these companies illustrate the continuing value the Forum brings in facilitating collaboration between technical, government, and

business leaders at all levels of the value chain," said SDR Forum CEO Lee Pucker. "Through the SDR Forum these companies will be able to develop reports, recommendations and standards that expand market opportunities, reduce costs (development, production, operations), and shorten the time to deploy software defined and cognitive radio technologies."

More information on joining the SDR Forum will be available at the SDR Forum's 58th General Meeting in Rome, Italy from April 14-17. Technical, business and government leaders worldwide will gather to discuss key issues related to SDR technology and its deployment. Among the highlights of this meeting will be a plenary presentation by Motorola Program Manager Didier Bourse introducing the E3 (End-to-End Efficiency) program, a plenary roundtable session led by innovITS CEO Phil Pettitt exploring the use of software defined and cognitive radio technologies in intelligent transportation systems.

Other activities will include continued advancement of the cognitive use cases and the trade study on the multi-service portable radios by the Forum's Public Safety Special Interest Group as well as work on the meta-language for mobility use cases and scenario analysis, the cognitive nomenclature document, response to ITU-R WP5A questions on cognitive radio, the specification on securing software reconfigurable communications technologies, and a number of relevant APIs (application programming interfaces) by the Technical Committee.

In addition, the Regulatory Committee will provide a plenary summary on the initial results of the SDR Forum regulatory request for information, which will be used as a basis for defining the Forum's international regulatory agenda.

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#### **[About the SDR Forum™](#)**

Established in 1996, the SDR Forum™ is a non-profit international industry association dedicated to promoting the success of next generation radio technologies. The Forum's 100-strong membership comprises world class technical, business and government leaders from EMEA, Asia and the Americas who are passionate about creating a revolution in wireless communications based on reconfigurable radio. Forum members span commercial, defense and civil government organizations at all levels of the wireless value chain and include service providers, operators, manufacturers, developers, regulatory agencies, and academia. SDR Forum is the only organization in the world dedicated to serving the industry's needs through advocacy, opportunity development, commercialization and education. The SDR Forum's administrative office is headquartered in Phoenix. For more information, please visit [www.sdrforum.org](http://www.sdrforum.org)

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