

SBS Technologies® Teams with IBM® to Launch AdvancedMC™ Carrier Blade for IBM BladeCenter® Servers

AdvancedMC carrier blade delivers I/O & Processor AdvancedMCs to IBM BladeCenter and BladeCenterT servers

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- 4 AdvancedMC bays interconnected through high-speed PCI Express (AMC.1) and Gigabit Ethernet (AMC.2) switches
- 2 front access AdvancedMCs or the entire carrier blade may be hot swapped
- Baseboard Management Controller supporting IPMI v1.5 system management
- x8 PCIe interface to bays 2 and 3 and x4 PCIe interface to bays 0 and 1
- Supports telecom master clock generation, distribution and control
- Interconnected to the BladeCenterT Server's mid-plane via Gigabit Ethernet

Barcelona, Spain (February 13, 2006) — Today at the 3GSM World Congress in Barcelona, Spain, SBS Technologies®, (NASDAQ: SBSE), a leading designer and manufacturer of modular communication solutions, announced the expansion of its telecommunications product line with an AdvancedMC carrier blade for IBM BladeCenter systems. The SBS BCT4-AMC1 carrier blade is capable of hosting up to four AdvancedMC modules to create application-specific blades from standard off-the-shelf SBS Telum™ modules and other third-party AdvancedMC cards.

The BCT4-AMC1 is ideal for system designers creating high-performance telecommunications solutions using AdvancedMC modules with specific networking features such as LAN/WAN and storage I/O capabilities. SBS' -AdvancedMC modules allow BladeCenter servers to be optimized for next-generation IMS (IP Multimedia Subsystem) and FMC (Fixed Mobile Convergence) IP-centric applications.

"It's great to see a strategic product such as the BCT4-AMC1 Carrier Blade come to market. This carrier blade helps extend BladeCenter Server communications input/output and Telecom clocking capabilities. A BladeCenter server can now be used for building convergent IMS media processing and signaling gateway solutions. For example, our carrier blade enables the BladeCenterT server to be configured to support next generation FMC applications such as IPTV and WiMax", said Rubin Dhillon, VP of Communications and Enterprise for SBS.

The BCT4-AMC1 offers two AdvancedMC bays accessible from the blade's front and two internal bays that are accessible from the side. To help reduce equipment downtime, the BCT4-AMC1 supports hot swap capability for the front bay AdvancedMC modules and for the carrier blade itself. For broad flexibility, the blade's front bays support extended AdvancedMCs and all bays support full height single- or double-width AdvancedMC modules.

"The SBS BCT4-AMC1 Carrier helps to extend IBM's reach into the convergent communications equipment market and expands our BladeCenterT systems telecommunications solutions portfolio", said Jim Pertzborn, Vice President, Telecommunications Industry, IBM Systems and Technology Group. "We are pleased to have industry leaders like SBS develop solutions for the rapidly-growing BladeCenter ecosystem as one of our leading partners for I/O internetworking".

Adding system robustness to the BCT4-AMC1, the blade's Baseboard Management Controller communicates with the chassis Management Module by using two redundant RS485 interfaces to the blade's backplane. To manage the PCI Express® root complex a processor AdvancedMC single board computer, such as the Telum ASLP10 running a Carrier Grade Linux® operating system, may be installed in bay 2.

In keeping with environmental policies, a RoHS version will be made available.

Price and Availability:

BCT4-AMC1 BladeCenter carrier blade pricing starts at US\$1,950 and is available now.

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