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Ellicott City, Maryland, October 3, 2005: Alden Research, Inc., in partnership with Paul Edwards & Associates, announces the non-exclusive licensing of the MPE training products from Hewlett-Packard for the world-wide market. This move allows both companies to provide continuing MPE training support for the HP e3000 customer base. MPE is the operating system of the HP e3000 family of business computer systems.

As HP certified MPE professionals, Frank Alden Smith of Alden Research, Inc., and Paul Edwards of Paul Edwards & Associates were HP contract instructors for nearly a decade and are long time solution and training partners of HP. They will provide ongoing course material updates, creation of new courses, and delivery of high quality MPE training at specific training facilities or customer sites. Alden Research, Inc., and Paul Edwards & Associates will maintain a web site, <http://www.mpe-education.com>, to which HP will direct all visitors to the HP education web site who are searching for MPE training classes.

Continuing to provide educational support for MPE is crucial to the viability of the MPE community now and following the announced end-of-support date for MPE on December 31, 2006. Alden Research, Inc., and Paul Edwards & Associates have reaffirmed their commitment to provide MPE training as long as the customer base requires it. Customer training is as important to the MPE users as hardware and software support. "By entering into this agreement, HP is showing that they are forward thinking and quick to react to their customer needs by providing the best quality, lowest cost, and most responsive training environment for the user community," said Frank Smith of Alden Research.

Classes offered include MPE Fundamentals, MPE System Management, TurboImage and Query, MPE Network Administration, MPE Performance and Tuning, MPE Programming, and VPLUS. These courses can be customized to each customer's requirements, and other courses can be developed based on customer need. The classes will be kept up-to-date with any new releases of the operating system. "People who decide to homestead on the HP e3000 platform past the end-of-support will need a source of professional training to address their continuous needs due to staff attrition and other causes for many years into the future," said Paul Edwards of Paul Edwards & Associates.

About Alden Research, Inc.

Alden Research, Inc. has provided the HP e3000 community with application development and training support for more than a quarter of a century. It was founded as a sole proprietorship in 1976 by its current president Frank Alden Smith, and incorporated in 1981. During that time it has added many major clients to its list of satisfied customers, which include: Hewlett-Packard, Baltimore Gas & Electric Company, The District of Columbia Department of Public Works, Long Island Lighting Company, and Lillian Vernon Corporation, to name just a few.

About Paul Edwards & Associates

Paul Edwards & Associates is a full service consulting firm specializing in Hewlett-Packard computer systems. They are a recognized leader in providing professional data processing consulting services, applications development, training, and solutions in many industries throughout the U.S. since 1980. Details on their offerings are available at: <http://www.peassoc.com>.

Paul Edwards has over 28 years of application development, training, systems management, and consulting on HP e3000 computer system platform using MPE and many third party tools. He is a recognized speaker on a variety of topics at many user group meetings and conferences.

About HP

HP is a technology solutions provider to consumers, businesses and institutions globally. The company's offerings span IT infrastructure, global services, business and home computing, and imaging and printing. For the four fiscal quarters ended July 31, 2005, HP revenue totaled \$85.2 billion. More information about HP (NYSE, Nasdaq: HPQ) is available at <http://www.hp.com>.

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