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In 1999, several industry leaders came together to form a global, non-profit organization with the goal of driving the adoption of a single worldwide-accepted standard for high-speed wireless local area networking. We are that organization. We are known as the Wi-Fi Alliance.

Today, with more than 300 members from more than 20 countries and growing, common goals still bind us together.

As Wi-Fi networks continue to expand through businesses, homes, and now public hotspots that provide wireless access locations for people on the go, compatibility is critical. The Wi-Fi Alliance develops rigorous tests and conducts Wi-Fi certification of wireless devices that implement the universal IEEE 802.11 specifications. The end result leads to the confidence that both home and enterprise users need to continue to get the most out of Wi-Fi.

To date we have certified the interoperability of more than 4,000 products. There is more, however, to Wi-Fi Alliance than interoperability. We work to provide Wi-Fi users with the information they need to make decisions about today's Wi-Fi systems. Whether you are a tech-savvy IT director, a security-minded CIO, or a home user intrigued by Wi-Fi possibilities, our aim is to provide the information you need to proceed with confidence and peace of mind.

As the market continues to evolve, so will our efforts. We will continue to test and certify the compatibility of Wi-Fi devices, we will take the lead in initiatives designed to enhance and simplify the user experience, we will provide thought leadership and up-to-date information, and we will continue to promote the standards that reduce costs - all in hopes of helping what was once a futuristic vision of Wi-Fi become a full-fledged reality.

## Boilerplate:

*About the Wi-Fi Alliance*

The Wi-Fi Alliance is a global, non-profit industry association of more than 300 member companies devoted to promoting the growth of wireless Local Area Networks (WLANs). With the aim of enhancing the user experience for wireless portable, mobile, and home entertainment devices, the Wi-Fi Alliance's testing and certification programs help ensure the interoperability of WLAN products based on the IEEE 802.11 specification. Since the introduction of the Wi-Fi Alliance's certification program in March 2000, more than 4,000 products have been designated as

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