

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Ridgetop Group & ATE Service Forge Partnership to Provide Innovative Tools for Quality and Reliability to the Japanese Electronics Market**

**TUCSON, Ariz.—January 4, 2012**

Ridgetop Group announced today that it has signed ATE Service, Inc. of Kawasaki, Japan to represent Ridgetop in Japan. Ridgetop, a leading supplier of innovative products and services that promote integrated circuit (IC) and system reliability, quality, and performance, selected ATE Service because of its outstanding track record of selling and supporting products and services from overseas that are crucial in the Japanese market.

“ATE Service gives us both the breadth and depth of presence in Japan that we have been looking for,” said Doug Goodman, President and CEO of Ridgetop Group. “They are highly respected for their expertise and responsiveness as a vendor at the largest electronics companies. Ridgetop is focused on developing technologies that enable our customers to improve the overall quality and reliability of their products, and we know that ATE Service will help us deliver these products and services to Japan where these traits are so highly valued.”

Hiro Sasa, President of ATE Service, added, “Ridgetop Group brings to Japan advanced capabilities that will have a significant impact in both lowering costs and improving reliability for customers. Their product line-up – including PDKChek™ for yield monitoring, ProChek™ for semiconductor process reliability characterization, and Sentinel Network™ for factory/IT network health management – provides unmatched capabilities. We are very pleased to be able to present Ridgetop to our customers.”

**About Ridgetop Group**

Founded in 2000, Ridgetop Group, Inc. has built an impressive reputation as the technology leader for radiation-hardened components, precision test structures and advanced electronic prognostic tools. For customers having critical systems, the firm has designed award-winning and patented products that serve semiconductor firms, aerospace/automotive and medical instrument companies in the USA, Europe and Asia. Ridgetop's partner companies include Altera, Cassidian (EADS), Q-Star Test, and numerous other progressive firms. For more information, please contact Andrew Levy at +1 520-742-3300 or our website at [www.RidgetopGroup.com](http://www.RidgetopGroup.com).

###