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## **Opto 22 joins EdgeX Foundry, Solidifying Support for Open IoT Edge Solutions**

*Automation manufacturer Opto 22 joins EdgeX ecosystem as a founding Silver level member to build an open-source framework for edge computing, together with over 45 additional EdgeX Foundry members*

Hannover (Hannover Messe) and Temecula, CA - April 24, 2017 – As a continued step in the company's long history of supporting and adopting open standards and specifications in the industrial automation and process control markets, Opto 22 today announced it has joined EdgeX Foundry as a founding member. EdgeX Foundry is an open-source project hosted by The Linux Foundation®, building a common open framework for Internet of Things (IoT) edge computing and an ecosystem of interoperable components to unify the marketplace and accelerate enterprise and Industrial IoT.

The EdgeX framework makes it easy to quickly create IoT edge solutions that have the flexibility to adapt to changing business needs.

"In order to curb the complexity of industrial IoT, it is essential to have a strong ecosystem of vendors and community members come together to build a common open framework for IoT edge computing," said Philip DesAutels, Senior Director of IoT with The Linux Foundation. "We are excited to have Opto 22 join us as a founding member to achieve this goal."

Industrial IoT (IIoT) is delivering significant business value by improving efficiencies and increasing revenue through automation and analytics, but widespread fragmentation and the lack of a common IoT solution framework are hindering broad adoption and stalling market growth.

“Achieving cohesive, value-add Industrial IoT solutions depends on a successful ecosystem that can drive interoperability and digital transformation,” said Benson Houglund, Vice President of Marketing and Product Strategy for Opto 22. “Together with other EdgeX Foundry founding members, we will develop a common framework to help align IoT adoption and business objectives.”

Designed to run on any hardware or operating system with any application environment, the EdgeX framework will quickly and easily deliver interoperability between connected devices, applications, and services, across a wide range of use cases.

A demo of the EdgeX platform will be on display at Hannover Messe in Hannover, Germany from April 24-28, 2017, located in the Opto 22 booth (Hall 8, Stand F31).

### **About Opto 22**

Opto 22 designs and manufactures industrial control products and Internet of Things platforms that bridge the gap between information technology (IT) and operations technology (OT). Based on a core design philosophy of leveraging open, standards-based technology, Opto 22 products are deployed worldwide in industrial automation, process control, building automation, industrial refrigeration, remote monitoring, and data acquisition applications. Designed and manufactured in the U.S.A., Opto 22 products have a worldwide reputation for ease-of-use, innovation, quality, and reliability. For over 40 years OEMs, machine builders, automation end-users, and information technology and operations personnel have and continue to trust Opto 22 to deliver high-quality products with superior reliability. The company was founded in 1974 and is privately held in Temecula, California, U.S.A. Opto 22 products are available through a global network of distributors and system integrators. For more information, contact Opto 22 headquarters at +1-951-695-3000 or visit [www.opto22.com](http://www.opto22.com). Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#).

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