

# **PICMG Update**

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# PICMG® \*

#### **PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturer's Group**

- Founded 1994 as a non-profit consortium
  - Focus on open standards for embedded computing
  - Over 250 members companies
- Deep engineering expertise in member companies:
  - Electronic, mechanical, packaging, and thermal design
  - High speed signaling and simulation
  - Software and High Availability skills
- Rigorous Intellectual Property policies
  - Patent landscape known to implementers
  - No PICMG standard requires a license to implement (so far)
- 45 standards released to date
  - More than \$10B in global revenue
  - Wide range of technologies including small form factor, networking, high-availability architectures, rugged computing and management

\*Pronounced "Pick-M-G" or "Pick-Mig"

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# Value of Open Standards

#### **Proprietary Solution**

- Typically developed, built, and maintained by a single vendor
  Little or no collaboration
- Generally expensive and rarely the latest technology
- Only the largest companies have all of the requisite skills to be experts on all elements
- Upgrades developed on vendor's timetable – the vendor "owns" you

#### **Open Standard Solution**

- Generally developed by nonprofit consortia with many members that have a wide range of skills
- Multiple vendors provide price and feature competition
- If customers don't like their vendor(s) they can go someplace else
- Technology and improvements developed on industry timetable

Open Standards encourage innovation and differentiation amongst multiple vendors – interoperability is key



### PICMG Technologies – CompactPCI®

- CompactPCI EvolutionFirst ratified in 1995

  - Switched fabric
  - backplane in 2000 New versions have high speed serial interfaces
- Popular and rugged Eurocard mechanics (3U and 6U)
- Used in a wide variety of industrial control telecommunications, transportation and automation applications











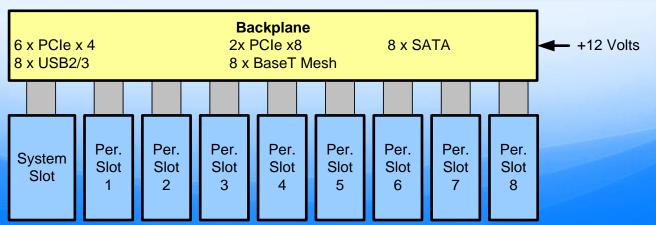




### PICMG Technologies – CompactPCI® Serial

- Latest version of CompactPCI replaces older parallel buses with modern, high speed serial interfaces
- Can be used with older CompactPCI cards if needed
- Ethernet mesh, PCI Express, SATA, USB interfaces
- Hot swappable and can be either convection or conduction cooled
- Builds on 20 years of CompactPCI experience and familiarity

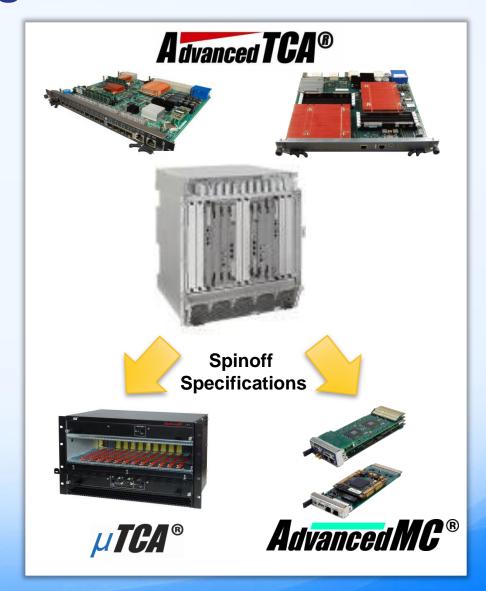






### PICMG Technologies - AdvancedTCA®

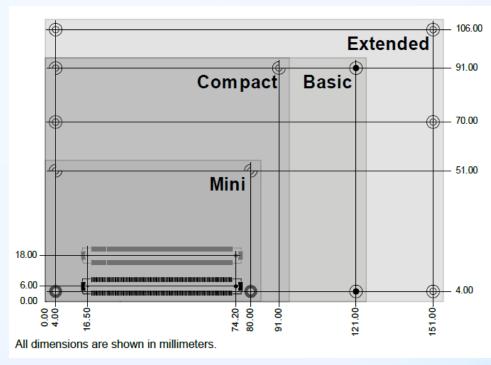
- The global standard for high end telecom equipment
- Modular, rugged, NEBS compliant
- Architected for High Availability
  - keeps running in the event of single item failures.
  - The only open architecture to offer this
- Global revenue greater than \$2B USD/year
- AdvancedMC® and MicroTCA® spinoff specifications
  - customization and miniaturization
  - Rugged versions available
- VITA adopting ATCA Platform Management architecture for VITA 46 (VPX) with PICMG's blessing.





# PICMG Technologies – COM Express®

- COM Express<sup>®</sup>: small single board computer "engines"
- Variety of sizes supported
- One of the most popular high performance Small Form Factor architectures
- Can be plugged into a customersupplied carrier containing application specific I/O – customer does not have to be a high speed signaling expert – that is done on the COM Express engine
- Carrier Design Guide freely available from PICMG web site



COM Express® basic



COM Express® compact

COM Express® mini









# **Evolution and Revolution**

- PICMG has developed roadmaps for the future of key technologies:
  - AdvancedTCA: add 100G backplane bandwidth, improved cooling, higher power capability, SDN and NFV, improved applicability for data centers (PICMG 3.7)
  - GEN4<sup>™</sup> a next generation platform with 10x system and module throughput, improved SWaP, reduced CAPEX & OPEX. Improved scalability and recognition of convergence of telecom central office and data center requirements.



# Conclusion

- PICMG well established with significant track record of successful standards
- Extremely talented and diverse member base
- Strong Intellectual Property policies
- Low membership dues and not dominated by any single company
- Continuing evolution of key technologies