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**FORTIS ZD NEXT-GEN BACKPLANE CONNECTOR REVOLUTIONIZES MILITARY AND
COMMERCIAL AEROSPACE SYSTEMS**
**--Rugged Connector is Super Fast, Super Reliable and Manages Escalating Data Streams
Under Most Adverse Environments--**

HARRISBURG, Pa. – June 1, 2010 – Tyco Electronics, the leading global provider of electrical components, connectors, network solutions and specialty products, today unleashed the future of backplane connectors with the advanced FORTIS ZD high-speed backplane connector, designed for military and commercial aerospace applications.

As demands on systems for real-time intelligence intensifies, the importance of high performance interconnection becomes critical. Tyco Electronics set out to design a new connector system that supports increasing bandwidth requirements in a ruggedized format to withstand the increased shock and vibration requirements of emerging military applications.

“The goal was to achieve a system that combined the seemingly contradictory features of multi-gigabit speeds and extreme ruggedness,” said Kevin Rock, president, Aerospace, Defense & Marine, Tyco Electronics. “Our development engineering team has produced an outstanding product that more than met the challenges set to them – providing a strong path for the next generation of electronic systems in harsh environments.”

Tyco Electronics engineers provided ruggedization improvements in the high-speed backplane connector designs by marrying an electrically sophisticated, high-speed contact leadframe with a robust, industry-proven separable contact interface. A metal shell offers an even higher degree of robustness, both in the mating interface and the outer shell of the connector.

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By combining the best features of commercial high-speed backplane connectors with proven MIL-SPEC contacts, the new high performance FORTIS ZD connector allows data rates of 10 Gbs+ and is designed to enable improved communications, unmatched situational awareness, and technologically superior command/control and training.

For more information and to follow all the latest news on the FORTIS ZD, visit www.TheFutureUnleashed.com and follow us on Twitter [@TycoElectronics](https://twitter.com/TycoElectronics). FORTIS, TYCO ELECTRONICS and the Tyco Electronics LOGO are trademarks of the Tyco Electronics group of companies and its licensors.

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