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NAI Integrates ARM Cortex-A9 Processor to its Compact NIU1 Nano Intelligent I/O™ Communications System

NIU1A provides embedded computing capability via an integrated SoC dual ARM Cortex-A9 processor to add distributed network sensor data interfaces to mission-critical computers without expensive chassis or backplane redesign.

Bohemia, NY, September 9, 2014 – North Atlantic Industries, Inc. has expanded the functionality of its Nano Interface Unit ([NIU1](#)) to include embedded computing capability. The advanced [NIU1A](#) with added SoC dual ARM Cortex-A9 processor, delivers smaller size, lower power, higher bandwidth, shared memory and lower latency in a small package. In addition, the NIU1A offers comprehensive processor software programming support for Wind River® Linux, VxWorks and Xilinx® PetaLinux.

The compact, nano-sized subsystem with unprecedented I/O capability connects to existing platform Ethernet networks, making data available to any system on the network. The Nano Interface Unit ([NIU1A](#)) easily adds sensor data acquisition, distribution and communication interfaces to mission computers *without* expensive chassis and backplane redesign, for use in military and aerospace embedded applications.

Built on NAI's Custom-On-Standard Architecture™ ([COSA™](#)), the NIU1A offers a choice of more than 40 intelligent I/O and communications functions. These pre-existing, fully-tested functions can be selected quickly and easily to meet system requirements. Available functions include A/D, D/A, TTL, RTD, discrete I/O, differential transceiver, synchro/resolver, LVDT/RVDT measurement, simulation and excitation, strain gage, quad channel redundant BC/RT/MT MIL-STD-1553, high-speed sync/async RS232/422/423/485, ARINC 429/575 and CANBus.

“The ARM Cortex-A9 processor gives customers unprecedented capability in support of their embedded computing, SWaP constrained systems,” explained Lino Massafra, VP of Sales & Marketing. “Independent local processing of new or existing I/O and communications can be integrated quickly into any Ethernet based system with no NRE.”

The low-cost, SWaP-optimized, processor-enabled, multi-function I/O system has three mounting options. Total power consumption is minimal (NIU1: 6-10W, NIU1A: 8-12W), depending upon which I/O module is selected.

For more information about North Atlantic Industries' rugged NIU1A systems, go to <http://www.naii.com/Nano-Interface-Unit-NIU1A/P278>

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NAI is a specialized provider of embedded electronics and computing for sense & response-intensive, Mil-Aero applications. We accelerate our clients' time-to-mission with a unique approach based on a Custom-on-Standard Architecture™ (COSA™) that delivers the best of both worlds: custom solutions from standard COTS components.

