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## **Control RocketLinx ES8509-XT Switch Awarded IPv6 Ready Logo**

**MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota** — January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2014 – Control Corporation today announced that its RocketLinx ES8509-XT industrial Gigabit Ethernet switch passed IPv6 conformance testing and now carries the IPv6 Ready Logo indicating full compliance with IPv6 networking standards. As of January 2014, Control’s complete line of managed RocketLinx switches includes support for IPv6, the replacement for the current IPv4 Internet protocol. IPv6 improves both security and performance while responding to the immediate shortage of IPv4 addresses. The ES8509-XT is the first in Control’s RocketLinx series to be tested and awarded the IPv6 Ready Logo for compliance with the IPv6 core protocols.

As part of the directive guiding migration of US government systems to IPv6, the Office of Management and Budget mandated that all US government agencies fully implement IPv6 within their operations by 2014. To assist our government, military, and systems integration partners with meeting this goal, Control early-on launched efforts to support IPv6 on our lines of RocketLinx switches and DeviceMaster device servers.

“Passing the stringent IPv6 Ready Logo Program conformance and interoperability tests demonstrates full compliance with new IPv6 standards, enabling our switches to be deployed with confidence in both IPv4 and IPv6 networks,” stated David Boldt, Control Director of Product Management, “The IPv6 Ready Gold Logo certifies to our customers, many of whom are transitioning to IPv6 networks due to corporate or government mandates, that our RocketLinx ES8509-XT switch will function at the highest levels and provide a seamless upgrade path from IPv4 to IPv6.”

The RocketLinx ES8509-XT is a managed industrial-grade Ethernet switch featuring nine Gigabit Ethernet ports, five SFP fiber combo ports and an extended operating temperature range. Its exceptional combination of rugged design and NEMA TS2 certification make it a popular choice for transportation, rail, and industrial networking applications.

### **About Control Corporation**

For more than 30 years, Control Corporation has been a manufacturer and provider of quality networking and industrial data communication products, specializing in industrial Ethernet and device connectivity. With representation across North America, EMEA, Asia and Latin America, Control sells [RocketLinx](#)<sup>®</sup> industrial grade Ethernet and Power over Ethernet switches, [DeviceMaster](#)<sup>®</sup> Ethernet device servers and gateways and [RocketPort](#)<sup>®</sup> multiport serial cards through distributors, resellers and integrators worldwide. Providing exceptional product and technical support, Control establishes solutions for a wide range of security, energy, industrial automation and traffic and transportation applications. For more information, contact Control Corporation at 800-926-6876 or visit [www.comtrol.com](http://www.comtrol.com).

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