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Vishal,

I currently hold MCAD.NET certification, there doesn't seem to be any information (that I can find!!) that relates to upgrading this to the MCPD Enterprise Application Developer certification, can you point me in the right direction?

Thx,

– Andy

"Vishal R Joshi [MSFT]" wrote:

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The names of the winners will be available after April 15, 2006, by sending email to mcphelp@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

8. Sponsor:

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