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AKAMAI REPORTS FOURTH QUARTER 2010 AND FULL-YEAR 2010 FINANCIAL RESULTS

- ◆ **Fourth quarter revenue grew to \$284.7 million, up 12 percent from the prior quarter and 19 percent year-over-year, and annual revenue increased 19 percent year-over-year to \$1,023.6 million**
- ◆ **Fourth quarter GAAP net income increased 32 percent quarter-over-quarter and 31 percent year-over-year to \$52.5 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share, and full-year GAAP net income increased 17 percent year-over-year to \$171.2 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share**
- ◆ **Fourth quarter normalized net income* increased 19 percent quarter-over-quarter and 22 percent year-over-year to \$76.5 million, or \$0.40 per diluted share, and full-year normalized net income* increased 19 percent year-over-year to \$271.7 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share**
- ◆ **Full-year cash from operations of \$402.5 million: year-end cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities of over \$1.2 billion**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – February 9, 2011 – Akamai Technologies, Inc. (NASDAQ: AKAM), the leading provider of cloud optimization services, today reported financial results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2010. Revenue for the fourth quarter 2010 was \$284.7 million, a 12 percent increase over third quarter revenue of \$253.6 million, and a 19 percent increase over fourth quarter 2009 revenue of \$238.3 million. Total revenue for 2010 was \$1,023.6 million, a 19 percent increase over 2009 revenue of \$859.8 million.

"With strength across cloud computing and online digital media solutions, Akamai completed its first \$1 billion revenue year in 2010," said Paul Sagan, CEO of Akamai. "With our unique, distributed network and growing portfolio of solutions, we believe we are well positioned to help our customers grow as use of cloud computing, online commerce, software-as-a-service, and online media continue to proliferate around the world."

Net income in accordance with United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, for the fourth quarter of 2010 was \$52.5 million, or \$0.27 per diluted share. Full-year GAAP net income for 2010 was \$171.2 million, or \$0.90 per diluted share.

The Company generated normalized net income* of \$76.5 million, or \$0.40 per diluted share, in the fourth quarter of 2010, a 19 percent increase over prior quarter normalized net income of \$64.2 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share, and a 22 percent increase over fourth quarter 2009

normalized net income of \$62.9 million, or \$0.34 per diluted share. Full-year normalized net income grew 19 percent year-over-year to \$271.7 million, or \$1.43 per diluted share. (*See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for definitions.)

Adjusted EBITDA* for the fourth quarter of 2010 was \$129.2 million, up from \$114.1 million in the prior quarter, and \$111.6 million in the fourth quarter of 2009. Adjusted EBITDA margin for the fourth quarter was 45 percent, consistent with the prior quarter and 2 points below the same period last year. For the full year, adjusted EBITDA was \$473.6 million, up from \$405.2 million in 2009. Full-year adjusted EBITDA margin in 2010 was at 46 percent, down a point from 2009. (*See Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures below for definitions.)

Full-year cash from operations was \$402.5 million, or 39 percent of revenue, down 5 percent from the prior year. At year end, the Company had over \$1.2 billion of cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities.

Sales through resellers and sales outside the United States accounted for 18 percent and 27 percent, respectively, of revenue for the fourth quarter 2010.

During the fourth quarter of 2010, under a share repurchase program that was approved by the Board of Directors in April 2009 and extended in April 2010, the Company repurchased approximately 560,000 shares of common stock for \$26.9 million at an average price of \$48.06 per share. As of December 31, 2010, the Company had repurchased 5.8 million shares of common stock for \$158.3 million at an average price of \$27.38 per share

The Company had approximately 186.6 million shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2010.

Quarterly Conference Call

Akamai will host a conference call today at 4:30 p.m. ET that can be accessed through 1-800-884-5695 (or 1-617-786-2960 for international calls) and using passcode No. 30950348. A live Webcast of the call may be accessed at www.akamai.com in the Investor section. In addition, a replay of the call will be available for one week following the conference through the Akamai Website or by calling 1-888-286-8010 (or 1-617-801-6888 for international calls) and using passcode No. 44458971.

About Akamai

Akamai[®] provides market-leading, cloud-based services for optimizing Web and mobile content and applications, online HD video, and secure e-commerce. Combining highly-distributed, energy-efficient computing with intelligent software, Akamai's global platform is transforming the cloud into a more viable place to inform, entertain, advertise, transact and collaborate. To learn how the world's leading enterprises are optimizing their business in the cloud, please visit www.akamai.com and follow @Akamai on Twitter.

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(dollar amounts in thousands)
(unaudited)

| | Dec. 31, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 231,866 | \$ 181,305 |
| Marketable securities | 374,733 | 384,834 |
| Restricted marketable securities | 272 | 602 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 175,366 | 154,269 |
| Deferred income tax assets, current portion | 28,201 | 8,514 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 48,029 | 31,649 |
| Current assets | 858,467 | 761,173 |
| Marketable securities | 636,486 | 494,707 |
| Restricted marketable securities | 45 | 36 |
| Property and equipment, net | 255,929 | 182,404 |
| Goodwill and other intangible assets, net | 515,370 | 517,620 |
| Other assets | 11,153 | 4,416 |
| Deferred income tax assets, net | 75,226 | 127,154 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,352,676 | \$ 2,087,510 |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | \$ 120,046 | \$ 92,563 |
| Other current liabilities | 25,105 | 34,975 |
| Convertible notes, current portion | - | 199,755 |
| Current liabilities | 145,151 | 327,293 |
| Other liabilities | 29,920 | 21,495 |
| Total liabilities | 175,071 | 348,788 |
| Stockholders' equity | 2,177,605 | 1,738,722 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 2,352,676 | \$ 2,087,510 |

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(amounts in thousands, except per share data)
(unaudited)

| | -----Three Months Ended----- | | | -----Year Ended----- | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Dec. 31, 2010 | Sept. 30, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 | Dec. 31, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 |
| Revenues | \$ 284,688 | \$ 253,551 | \$ 238,305 | \$ 1,023,586 | \$ 859,773 |
| Costs and operating expenses: | | | | | |
| Cost of revenues * † | 86,277 | 77,812 | 67,580 | 303,403 | 249,938 |
| Research and development * | 13,775 | 14,235 | 12,520 | 54,766 | 43,658 |
| Sales and marketing * | 66,230 | 55,603 | 51,608 | 226,704 | 179,421 |
| General and administrative * † | 41,793 | 42,729 | 40,233 | 167,779 | 146,100 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 4,267 | 4,130 | 4,142 | 16,657 | 16,722 |
| Restructuring charge | - | - | - | - | 454 |
| Total costs and operating expenses | <u>212,342</u> | <u>194,509</u> | <u>176,083</u> | <u>769,309</u> | <u>636,293</u> |
| Operating income | 72,346 | 59,042 | 62,222 | 254,277 | 223,480 |
| Interest income, net | (2,793) | (2,636) | (2,841) | (10,862) | (13,132) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 5 | - | - | 299 | - |
| Gain on investments, net | - | - | (2) | - | (457) |
| Other loss (income), net | 1,149 | 1,366 | 496 | 2,468 | (163) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | <u>73,985</u> | <u>60,312</u> | <u>64,569</u> | <u>262,372</u> | <u>237,232</u> |
| Provision for income taxes | 21,475 | 20,603 | 24,489 | 91,152 | 91,319 |
| Net income | <u>\$ 52,510</u> | <u>\$ 39,709</u> | <u>\$ 40,080</u> | <u>\$ 171,220</u> | <u>\$ 145,913</u> |
| Net income per share: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.29 | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.23 | \$ 0.97 | \$ 0.85 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.27 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.90 | \$ 0.78 |
| Shares used in per share calculations: | | | | | |
| Basic | 183,362 | 181,457 | 170,936 | 177,309 | 171,425 |
| Diluted | 191,837 | 191,271 | 188,621 | 190,650 | 188,658 |

* Includes stock-based compensation (see supplemental table for figures)

† Includes depreciation and amortization (see supplemental table for figures)

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(amounts in thousands)
(unaudited)

| | -----Three Months Ended----- | | | -----Year Ended----- | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Dec. 31, 2010 | Sept. 30, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 | Dec. 31, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 52,510 | \$ 39,709 | \$ 40,080 | \$ 171,220 | \$ 145,913 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets and deferred financing costs | 39,179 | 36,542 | 32,783 | 143,749 | 123,334 |
| Stock-based compensation | 18,495 | 18,589 | 16,798 | 76,468 | 58,797 |
| Provision for deferred income taxes, net | (37,080) | 22,287 | 19,922 | 29,818 | 81,706 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | (6,594) | (9,456) | (865) | (28,973) | (2,236) |
| (Gain) loss on investments and disposal of property and equipment, net | (205) | 22 | (24) | (428) | (391) |
| Gain on divestiture of certain assets | - | - | - | - | (1,062) |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | (561) | 662 | 2,466 | 1,546 | 6,727 |
| Non-cash portion of loss on early extinguishment of debt | 5 | - | - | 299 | - |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | | |
| Accounts receivable | (17,221) | 10,064 | (5,054) | (23,563) | (1,159) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 29,304 | (1,109) | 5,707 | (12,089) | (5,020) |
| Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 32,600 | 8,695 | 13,692 | 53,173 | 10,255 |
| Accrued restructuring | (450) | (74) | (45) | (617) | (1,067) |
| Deferred revenue | (2,328) | (5,807) | 3,610 | (9,454) | 5,871 |
| Other noncurrent assets and liabilities | 2,705 | (2,161) | (4,201) | 1,306 | 2,744 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>110,359</u> | <u>117,963</u> | <u>124,869</u> | <u>402,455</u> | <u>424,412</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | | | |
| Cash paid for acquired business, net of cash received | (458) | (200) | - | (12,668) | (5,779) |
| Proceeds from the divestiture of certain assets | - | - | - | - | 1,350 |
| Purchases of property and equipment and capitalization of internal-use software costs | (48,700) | (42,058) | (29,244) | (192,045) | (108,147) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of short- and long-term marketable securities | 226,651 | 284,460 | 148,801 | 1,015,833 | 545,103 |
| Purchases of short- and long-term marketable securities | (246,406) | (285,408) | (259,557) | (1,146,493) | (790,351) |
| Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment | 124 | 14 | 61 | 176 | 93 |
| Increase in other investments | - | - | - | (500) | - |
| Decrease in restricted investments held for security deposits | 330 | - | - | 338 | 233 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(68,459)</u> | <u>(43,192)</u> | <u>(139,939)</u> | <u>(335,359)</u> | <u>(357,498)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | | | |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under stock option and employee stock purchase plans | 13,830 | 10,953 | 7,965 | 45,776 | 21,724 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | 6,594 | 9,456 | 865 | 28,973 | 2,236 |
| Repurchase of common stock | (27,299) | (22,505) | (14,929) | (92,425) | (66,497) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | <u>(6,875)</u> | <u>(2,096)</u> | <u>(6,099)</u> | <u>(17,676)</u> | <u>(42,537)</u> |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (726) | 4,386 | (328) | 1,141 | 854 |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 34,299 | 77,061 | (21,497) | 50,561 | 25,231 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 197,567 | 120,506 | 202,802 | 181,305 | 156,074 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | <u>\$ 231,866</u> | <u>\$ 197,567</u> | <u>\$ 181,305</u> | <u>\$ 231,866</u> | <u>\$ 181,305</u> |

| | -----Three Months Ended----- | | | -----Year Ended----- | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| | Dec. 31, 2010 | Sept. 30, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 | Dec. 31, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 |
| Supplemental financial data (in thousands): | | | | | |
| Stock-based compensation: | | | | | |
| Cost of revenues | \$ 696 | \$ 702 | \$ 613 | \$ 2,806 | \$ 2,195 |
| Research and development | 3,317 | 3,687 | 3,364 | 14,539 | 10,967 |
| Sales and marketing | 8,863 | 8,862 | 7,560 | 35,525 | 27,411 |
| General and administrative | 5,619 | 5,338 | 5,261 | 23,598 | 18,224 |
| Total stock-based compensation | <u>\$ 18,495</u> | <u>\$ 18,589</u> | <u>\$ 16,798</u> | <u>\$ 76,468</u> | <u>\$ 58,797</u> |
| Depreciation and amortization: | | | | | |
| Network-related depreciation | \$ 28,807 | \$ 26,504 | \$ 22,737 | \$ 103,071 | \$ 84,027 |
| Capitalized stock-based compensation amortization | 1,987 | 1,817 | 1,851 | 7,509 | 6,413 |
| Other depreciation and amortization | 4,068 | 4,028 | 3,843 | 16,005 | 15,331 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 4,267 | 4,130 | 4,142 | 16,657 | 16,722 |
| Total depreciation and amortization | <u>\$ 39,129</u> | <u>\$ 36,479</u> | <u>\$ 32,573</u> | <u>\$ 143,242</u> | <u>\$ 122,493</u> |
| Capital expenditures: | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | \$ 39,684 | \$ 33,145 | \$ 22,462 | \$ 159,275 | \$ 80,917 |
| Capitalized internal-use software | 9,016 | 8,913 | 6,782 | 32,770 | 27,230 |
| Capitalized stock-based compensation | 2,221 | 1,918 | 1,755 | 7,818 | 6,280 |
| Total capital expenditures | <u>\$ 50,921</u> | <u>\$ 43,976</u> | <u>\$ 30,999</u> | <u>\$ 199,863</u> | <u>\$ 114,427</u> |
| Net increase in cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities and restricted marketable securities | \$ 53,197 | \$ 77,930 | \$ 88,208 | \$ 181,918 | \$ 289,857 |
| End of period statistics: | | | | | |
| Number of customers under recurring contract | 3,483 | 3,438 | 3,122 | | |
| Number of employees | 2,200 | 2,108 | 1,750 | | |
| Number of deployed servers | 84,259 | 77,885 | 61,553 | | |

***Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

In addition to providing financial measurements based on generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP), Akamai has historically provided additional financial metrics that are not prepared in accordance with GAAP (non-GAAP). Legislative and regulatory changes discourage the use of and emphasis on non-GAAP financial metrics and require companies to explain why non-GAAP financial metrics are relevant to management and investors. We believe that the inclusion of these non-GAAP financial measures in this press release helps investors to gain a meaningful understanding of our past performance and future prospects, consistent with how management measures and forecasts our performance, especially when comparing such results to previous periods or forecasts. Our management uses these non-GAAP measures, in addition to GAAP financial measures, as the basis for measuring our core operating performance and comparing such performance to that of prior periods and to the performance of our competitors. These measures are also used by management in its financial and operational decision-making. There are limitations associated with reliance on these non-GAAP financial metrics because they are specific to our operations and financial performance, which makes comparisons with other companies' financial results more challenging. By providing both GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures, we believe that investors are able to compare our GAAP results to those of other companies while also gaining a better understanding of our operating performance as evaluated by management.

Akamai defines "Adjusted EBITDA" as net income, before interest, income taxes, depreciation and amortization of tangible and intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation, restructuring charges and benefits, acquisition related costs and benefits, certain gains and losses on investments, foreign exchange gains and losses, loss on early extinguishment of debt and gains on legal settlements. Akamai considers Adjusted EBITDA to be an important indicator of the Company's operational strength and performance of its business and a good measure of the Company's historical operating trend.

Adjusted EBITDA eliminates items that are either not part of the Company's core operations, such as investment gains and losses, foreign exchange gains and losses, early debt extinguishment and net interest income, or do not require a cash outlay, such as stock-based compensation. Adjusted EBITDA also excludes depreciation and amortization expense, which is based on the Company's estimate of the useful life of tangible and intangible assets. These estimates could vary from actual performance of the asset, are based on historic cost incurred to build out the Company's deployed network, and may not be indicative of current or future capital expenditures.

Akamai defines "Adjusted EBITDA margin" as a percentage of Adjusted EBITDA as a percentage of revenues. Akamai considers Adjusted EBITDA margin to be an indicator of the Company's operating trend and performance of its business in relation to its revenue growth.

Akamai defines "capital expenditures" or "capex" as purchases of property and equipment, capitalization of internal-use software development costs and capitalization of stock-based compensation. Capital expenditures or capex are disclosed in Akamai's consolidated Statement of Cash Flows in the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Akamai defines "fully taxed normalized net income" as net income before amortization of other intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation, restructuring charges and benefits, acquisition related costs and benefits, certain gains and losses on investments and loss on early extinguishment of debt. Akamai considers fully taxed normalized net income to be another important indicator of the overall performance of the Company because it eliminates the effects of events that are either not part of the Company's core operations or are non-cash.

Akamai defines "fully taxed normalized net income per share" as fully taxed normalized net income, plus interest add-back for diluted share calculation, divided by the basic weighted average or diluted common shares outstanding used in GAAP net income per share calculations. Akamai considers fully taxed normalized net income per share to be another important indicator of overall performance of the Company because it eliminates the effect of a non-cash item.

Adjusted EBITDA and fully taxed normalized net income should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, the Company's operating income and net income, as well as other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

In accordance with the requirements of Regulation G issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Company is presenting the most directly comparable GAAP financial measures and reconciling the non-GAAP financial metrics to the comparable GAAP measures.

Reconciliation of GAAP net income to Fully taxed normalized net income and Adjusted EBITDA (amounts in thousands, except per share data)

| | -----Three Months Ended----- | | | -----Year Ended----- | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| | Dec. 31, 2010 | Sept. 30, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 | Dec. 31, 2010 | Dec. 31, 2009 |
| Net income | \$ 52,510 | \$ 39,709 | \$ 40,080 | \$ 171,220 | \$ 145,913 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets | 4,267 | 4,130 | 4,142 | 16,657 | 16,722 |
| Stock-based compensation | 18,495 | 18,589 | 16,798 | 76,468 | 58,797 |
| Amortization of capitalized stock-based compensation | 1,987 | 1,817 | 1,851 | 7,509 | 6,413 |
| Gain on investments, net | - | - | (2) | - | (457) |
| Utilization of tax NOLs/credits * | - | - | - | - | - |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 5 | - | - | 299 | - |
| Acquisition related costs (benefits) | (760) | - | - | (415) | - |
| Restructuring charge | - | - | - | - | 454 |
| Total fully taxed normalized net income: | 76,504 | 64,245 | 62,869 | 271,738 | 227,842 |
| Interest income, net | (2,793) | (2,636) | (2,841) | (10,862) | (13,132) |
| Provision for income taxes | 21,475 | 20,603 | 24,489 | 91,152 | 91,319 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 32,875 | 30,532 | 26,580 | 119,076 | 99,358 |
| Other loss (income), net | 1,149 | 1,366 | 496 | 2,468 | (163) |
| Total Adjusted EBITDA: | \$ 129,210 | \$ 114,110 | \$ 111,593 | \$ 473,572 | \$ 405,224 |
| Fully taxed normalized net income per share: | | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 1.53 | \$ 1.33 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.40 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 0.34 | \$ 1.43 | \$ 1.22 |
| Shares used in fully taxed normalized per share calculations: | | | | | |
| Basic | 183,362 | 181,457 | 170,936 | 177,309 | 171,425 |
| Diluted | 191,837 | 191,271 | 188,621 | 190,650 | 188,658 |
| * Previously reported Utilization of tax NOLs/credits | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 22,553 | \$ - | \$ 84,203 |

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Akamai Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act

This release contains information about future expectations, plans and prospects of Akamai's management that constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements concerning the expected growth and development of our business and the markets in which we operate, the strength of our business model and cost structure and the superiority of our service offerings. Actual results may differ materially from those indicated by these forward-

looking statements as a result of various important factors including, but not limited to, failure to maintain the prices we charge for our services, loss of significant customers, failure to increase our revenue and keep our expenses consistent with revenues, inability to continue to generate positive cash flow, the effects of any attempts to intentionally disrupt our services or network by unauthorized users or others, failure to have available sufficient transmission capacity, a failure of Akamai's services or network infrastructure, delay in developing or failure to develop new service offerings or functionalities, and if developed, lack of market acceptance of such service offerings and functionalities, and other factors that are discussed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and other documents periodically filed with the SEC.

In addition, the statements in this press release represent Akamai's expectations and beliefs as of the date of this press release. Akamai anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause these expectations and beliefs to change. However, while Akamai may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, it specifically disclaims any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing Akamai's expectations or beliefs as of any date subsequent to the date of this press release.