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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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SCHEDULE 14A

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INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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RED HAT, INC.

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RED HAT, INC.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting

To Be Held on August 11, 2011

This notice presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet.

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

If you want to receive a paper or e-mail copy of the proxy materials, you must request one. There is no charge to you for requesting a copy. Please make your request for a copy as instructed below on or before July 28, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

Dear Red Hat, Inc. Stockholder:

The 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Red Hat, Inc. (Red Hat) will be held at Red Hat s Corporate Headquarters, 1801 Varsity Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27606, on Thursday, August 11, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time.

Proposals to be considered at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders:

- (1) to elect four members to the Board of Directors, each to serve for a three-year term as a Class III director;
- (2) to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as Red Hat s independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending February 29, 2012;
- (3) to approve, on an advisory basis, a resolution relating to Red Hat s executive compensation;
- (4) to hold an advisory vote on the frequency of future Red Hat stockholder votes on executive compensation;
- (5) to approve Red Hat s 2011 Performance Compensation Plan; and
- (6) to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Proposals 1, 2, 3 and 5 and a vote for 1 YEAR on Proposal 4.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on June 15, 2011 as the record date (the Record Date) for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or any adjournment(s) thereof.

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Stockholders of record as of the Record Date are encouraged and cordially invited to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Directions to attend the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders where you may vote in person can be obtained by calling Investor Relations at 919-754-3700 or via email at investors@redhat.com.

Meeting Location:

Red Hat, Inc.

Corporate Headquarters

1801 Varsity Drive

Raleigh, NC 27606

The following proxy materials are available for you to review online:

Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement for the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (including all attachments thereto);
Annual Report to Stockholders for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2011 (which is not deemed to be part of the official proxy soliciting materials); and
any amendments to the foregoing materials that are required to be furnished to stockholders.

To request a paper or email copy of the proxy materials:

(you must reference your 11-digit control number located on the reverse side of this form)

Telephone: **1-888-313-0164** (outside of the U.S. and Canada call 201-680-6688)

Email: **shrrelations@bnymellon.com** *(you must reference your 11-digit control number in your email)*

Internet: **www.proxyvoting.com/rht**

The proxy materials for Red Hat, Inc. are available to review at:

www.proxyvoting.com/rht

Have this notice available when you request a paper or email copy of the proxy materials,

when you want to view your proxy materials online,

or when you want to vote your proxy electronically.