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## **PAETEC Provides 4,000 Workers with Energy Efficient Bulbs**

**FAIRPORT, N.Y (October 26, 2007)** – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET) today provided a total of approximately 20,000 energy-efficient Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) to 4,000 workers nationwide to celebrate the launch of the company's "Green Team" initiative. It's estimated that using these bulbs would save \$129,000, while reducing carbon dioxide greenhouse gases by 1,753,600 pounds. The giveaway is one of several socially responsible activities in which PAETEC is involved.

"This is an opportunity for every PAETEC employee to make a difference," said Arunas A. Chesonis, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PAETEC. "Our children and grandchildren deserve to live in a world in which the water and air is clean and there are viable, renewable sources of energy."

Five bulbs were provided to each of the approximately 2,300 PAETEC employees. The company also distributed five bulbs to each of the employees of Allworx Corp. and McLeodUSA, companies that PAETEC has recently entered into agreements to buy. PAETEC is spending approximately \$65,000 to buy the light bulbs. Wegmans Food Markets, Inc., donated reusable bags for employees to transport the bulbs.

PAETEC's Green Team is comprised of employees volunteering their skills to research and enact ways for the company to make a sustainable impact, whether that's through investigating alternative energy sources, additional recycling programs, improving building designs, or educating the community. For example, a team of employees will work to design PAETEC's recently announced new headquarters building as an environmentally friendly facility.

### **Breakout**

- If every American home replaced just one light bulb with a qualified bulb, we would save enough energy to light more than 3 million homes for a year, more than \$600 million in annual energy costs, and prevent greenhouse gases equivalent to the emissions of more than 800,000 cars.\*
- Qualified CFLs use about 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer, save about \$30 or more in electricity costs over each bulb's lifetime, and produce about 75 percent less heat, so they're safer to operate and can cut energy costs associated with home cooling.\*
- More information about energy efficient bulbs can be found at:  
[http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr\\_cfls](http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=cfls.pr_cfls).

\* Statistics from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Department of Energy

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