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PAETEC Expansion Offers Personalized Solutions in Northern California
Adds new markets in San Francisco Bay area and creates 20 new jobs

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. – May 6, 2009 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), which provides data, voice and Internet solutions to business-class customers nationwide, announced today the expansion of its communication service offerings to Northern California including San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose and Sacramento. Additionally, the company marked the opening of a new sales office in Walnut Creek with a ribbon cutting ceremony by Chairman and CEO, Arunas A. Chesonis. The new market expansion created 20 jobs in sales, back-office support and operations, and could represent more new positions in the future.

“We are excited to bring PAETEC’s brand of personalized telecommunications services throughout the San Francisco Bay Area,” said Reginald Scales, PAETEC’s West Region President. “Since every business is unique, we tailor our solution to meet the individual needs of our customer. This level of attention, combined with our national network reach, breadth of products and quality of service, has made PAETEC the premier alternative to incumbent local phone companies.”

The company's broad product portfolio includes services such as MPLS VPN which enables businesses to cost-effectively manage bandwidth and connect multiple locations, and Dynamic IP, a VoIP service which provides businesses the maximum benefits of IP-based communications.

PAETEC leverages and combines individual products to create comprehensive solutions to address requirements in the areas of:

- **Communications** by providing reliable and scalable products for data, voice, and Internet services. PAETEC tailors the services to deliver cost effective internal and external communications.
- **Business Continuity** by developing effective tools for disaster preparedness, network redundancy, and application recovery. The tools help businesses recover from the loss or corruption of data, and to maintain operations during and after a disaster.
- **Security** by offering products and services that protect critical corporate files and applications, mitigate risks, and support regulatory compliance.
- **Managed Services** by creating services to address budgetary constraints and limited IT resources. Customers can essentially outsource communications requirements, which allows the business to focus limited IT resources on other critical needs.
- **Financing** through PAETEC's unique Equipment for Services Program which allows customers to reduce or even eliminate the capital expense of communications equipment as part of an overall network services contract.

PAETEC can offer solutions for large enterprises with multiple locations within California and across state boundaries, as well as small and medium-businesses with a single location.

With the expansion, PAETEC now offers its full suite of communication solutions in 83 of the top 100 MSAs. Many large Bay-Area organizations, including major universities and government agencies, have been PAETEC customers for several years through their use of PINNACLE, PAETEC's telecom software application suite.

"We know that PAETEC will have to earn our customers' business and loyalty," said Rob McCarthy, PAETEC's vice president and general manager in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. "We intend to build long-term relationships by providing innovative solutions with exceptional value and industry leading service."

For more information about PAETEC services in the Bay Area please contact the Walnut Creek office at 925.937.1325.

About PAETEC

PAETEC (NASDAQ: PAET) is personalizing business communications for medium and large businesses, enterprise organizations and institutions across the United States. We offer a comprehensive suite of IP, voice, data, and Internet services, as well as enterprise communications management software, network security solutions, CPE, and managed services. For more information, visit www.paetec.com.

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