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Allworx Products Win Best Channel Product in Two Categories
PAETEC-subsiadiary honored in both IP PBX and IP Phones
Categories by Business Solutions Magazine

FAIRPORT, N.Y. – Aug. 31, 2009 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), which provides data, voice, and Internet solutions to business-class customers nationwide, announced today it has received awards for “Best Channel Product” in the IP PBX and IP Phones categories. The awards were included in the September, 2009 issue of *Business Solutions Magazine* (BSM).

The results are based on 19,833 votes calculated by Penn State University and BSM’s editorial staff, and measured five categories: Richness of Features, Product Reliability, Ease of Integration, Ease of Upgrade and the Value Added Reseller’s (VAR’s) Ability to Service. The Allworx 24x took home the top score in the IP PBX category, and the Allworx 9224 won for IP Phones. Unlike traditional phone systems, IP-based systems can deliver new efficiency such as using unused bandwidth to boost Internet speeds, seamless integration of phones with PCs and remote access for employees to access the powerful features anywhere they have Internet access.

“These awards from Business Solutions Magazine are a terrific validation of what thousands of businesses have already learned about our products,” said Jeff Howe, President of Allworx. “The ease of use, powerful features and reliability are second to none and clearly help businesses become stronger.”

The 24x IP PBX is designed for up to 150 users and is an all-in-one communication system integrating a feature-rich phone system, advanced IP phones and powerful software features that substantially improve your company's productivity while saving you on-going monthly costs. The 24x includes powerful features including conferencing bridge, remote access to the phone system features over the public Internet, Follow-me Anywhere and Unified Messaging.

The 9224 IP phone is today's premier high-fidelity IP phone bringing the latest advancements in IP telephony to today's business leaders. Supporting between 24 to 96 programmable function keys (PFKs) with the additional Tx 92/24 Expander units, the Allworx 9224 can deliver a multitude of call appearances, line appearances, speed dials, busy lamp fields and an array of other functions.

For more information on the winning systems, visit www.allworx.com. For information on the Best Channel Product Awards from Business Solutions Magazine, visit www.businesssolutionsmag.com.

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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