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PAETEC Opens Advanced 6,500 Square Foot Data Center

Newest Center Provides Diversity; Supports PAETEC's Advanced Product Line

BETHLEHEM, Pa. – July 16, 2009 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), which provides data, voice, and Internet solutions to business-class customers nationwide, today announced the opening of an advanced data center in Bethlehem, Pa. The center will be opened officially with a ribbon cutting ceremony by PAETEC's Chairman and CEO, Arunas Chesonis, as well as other PAETEC and local government leaders.

The 6,500 square feet of space available for customers includes the newest advancements in equipment with connectivity up to 10 Gbps, more energy efficient devices, higher cooling capacity to meet the increasingly powerful applications and a new Bi-Fuel power system providing redundant power generation fueled by conventional diesel, or a cleaner combination of diesel and natural gas. The center is also served by a diverse power grid, separate from New York City and Philadelphia, offering further resiliency in the event of a wide-scale brown-out or power outage in the area.

"This data center includes the latest advancements in technology and complements PAETEC's deep product set well," said Mr. Chesonis. "Network-based systems such as advanced software applications and virtual servers continue to migrate into the cloud, and our customers have expressed a need for a highly secure solution with ease in management and cost savings over them managing these systems themselves."

The new data center builds onto the PAETEC's existing 7,500 square foot center, opened in 2001 which currently houses equipment for more than 60 companies nationally and over 50,000 web domain names.

In addition to the robust infrastructure, and capability to house customer provided applications, the data center supports hosted PAETEC products like Data Backup and Recovery which automatically and securely stores vital corporate data for instant retrieval or the easy-to-use Shared Web Hosting service, which provides a fully managed solution for managing a business' website.

“We designed this center based on feedback from our customers over the past eight years. Northeastern customers can reach us in just an hour from Philadelphia or New York City for proximity; west coast customers can reduce cross-country latency in reaching their east coast end users, and Southeastern and Midwest companies can ensure continuity in the event of a weather disaster.” said Christopher Lodge, vice president and general manager for Data Center Services.

Because of the advanced technology companies in the area such as PAETEC, the Lehigh Valley has been referred to as the Silicon Valley of Pennsylvania. Across the nation including available space in its central offices, PAETEC has 1.4 million square feet of data center space. For more information on PAETEC's data center solutions, visit www.fast.net.

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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