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PAETEC Awarded Internet Contract from State of Texas

FAIRPORT, N.Y. – Apr. 2, 2009 – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), which provides data, voice, and Internet solutions to business-class customers nationwide, announced that the company has been awarded a contract allowing it to sell Internet services to agencies that utilize the State of Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR).

The agreement, signed in March 2009, utilizes PAETEC as one of two preferred Internet providers able to deliver service to state legislative agencies requested through DIR. In addition, PAETEC will now have the ability to directly offer services to public schools and local governments offering service from a T-1 (1.5 Mbps) to Gigabit Ethernet (1,000 Mbps), using terrestrial fiber optics or the recently expanded Fixed Wireless service.

“As a result of this agreement, Texas state agencies will now have access to PAETEC’s innovative IP solutions and unmatched service,” said Keith Hatley, PAETEC’s vice president and general manager for Texas. “We have a long history in this state, and look forward to further expanding our presence.”

PAETEC and its predecessors have been offering telecommunication services in Texas since 1995 with sales offices in Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio and a major employee center in the Woodlands near Houston. The company also offers personalized telecommunications solutions in 41 other states.

To learn more about the State of Texas agreement, click here:

<http://www.paetec.com/lp/stateoftexas/>

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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