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**NEW PAETEC DATA CENTER DELIVERS ULTRA-FAST SPEEDS AND NETWORK-BASED CLOUD COMPUTING TO BUSINESSES NATIONWIDE**

*The 43,000 square foot data center near Boston is first of four new PAETEC centers planned for 2010*

**ANDOVER, Mass. – August 18, 2010** – PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ GS: PAET), a FORTUNE 1000 company which provides [data](#), [voice](#), and [Internet](#) solutions to business-class customers nationwide, officially opened an expansive, high-tech data center today in Andover, MA, approximately 24 miles north of Boston. This new flagship center will help customers maintain their critical data, server operating applications, network, and communications assets. It also represents a major step forward for the company towards supporting cloud computing.

The center not only serves companies in New England, but those nationwide with a need for geographic redundancy or a presence on the East Coast for reduced latency. The two-story, 92,700 square feet facility includes nearly an acre of raised floor space available for customers to collocate their servers, routers, and other communication equipment.

“Moving business applications from the desktop to the cloud will bring efficiency not possible before,” said Arunas Chesonis, chairman and CEO, PAETEC. “With our expertise in telecommunications and data convergence, we’re in a leading position to support the shift towards cloud computing and can provide our customers with a comprehensive set of managed service solutions to meet their business goals.”

The new data center marks the first of many steps PAETEC will take over the next 18 months to open eight more data centers across the country, with new centers in Houston, Milwaukee, and Phoenix scheduled for later this year.

The Andover center will offer [Data Backup and Recovery](#) to ensure regulatory compliance, disaster preparedness, and business continuity, as well as [Dedicated Hosted Services](#) and [Shared Web Hosting](#) based on a customer's need to either maintain complete administrative control or completely outsource network monitoring and management.

"We're utilizing our more than ten years of data center experience along with our advanced portfolio of communication solutions," added Chesonis. "As a result, we've built an infrastructure that will responsibly serve our customers' needs now and in the future as we continue our data center expansion efforts, implement virtualization, and provide server consolidation, content acceleration, and software as a service offerings."

PAETEC's data center solutions are hosted in its highly secure central office and data center collocation sites around the country. Supported by a staff of 11 with a 24x7 Technical Assistance Center (TAC), the Andover center with connections to a diverse OC-48 fiber ring has redundant power to the grid, backed-up by five 1400 horsepower, one-megawatt generators with 30,000 gallons of diesel fuel. To keep the center at an optimum temperature for customer equipment, the center boasts 2000 tons of cooling capacity, which will pull from outside air in winter months to help reduce energy costs and overall consumption for increased efficiencies.

Across the nation, PAETEC has 1.4 million square feet or more than 32 acres of data center space. It serves customers in financial services, government, healthcare, higher education, and hospitality industries.

For more information on PAETEC's data center solutions, visit <http://paetec.com/products-services/data-center/shared-web-hosting/overview.html>. To view a recent webinar on its data center capabilities, visit <http://www.paetec.com/about-us/educational-series/webinars.html>.

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