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## **PAETEC to Supply Fiber Services to Fort Drum Through Contract with the Department of Defense**

*Contract provides facility with high level of redundancy to ensure that network services are effective and reliable.*

**HERNDON, Va. – November 28, 2011** – [PAETEC Holding Corp. \(NASDAQ GS: PAET\)](#) and its subsidiaries, which serve the growing network needs of government enterprises and carrier customers, announced today that it has been awarded a three-year contract by the Defense Information System Agency (DISA) to provide Fort Drum with fiber and dense wavelength division multiplexing (DWDM) services.

Located in northern New York near Watertown and just outside of the Adirondack Mountains, Fort Drum trains an estimated 80,000 troops annually and is home to the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division. Fort Drum, like other major U.S. Army facilities requires the highest level of service, approaching 100 percent up-time. To accommodate this need, DISA has awarded PAETEC a contract to install diverse fiber access systems from its backbone network near Syracuse and Watertown, NY to the base.

Utilizing these diverse fiber paths, PAETEC has deployed diverse and redundant DWDM network services connecting Fort Drum to other DISA network nodes in the region. This network solution will help ensure that DISA's networks at Fort Drum remain effective in the event of a catastrophic event, such as a fiber cut anywhere on the network.

“When you have a military facility that houses one of the Army’s largest units, you need to be confident that the network services are dependable,” said Mike Magliato, PAETEC vice president of government markets. “This is the twenty-fifth military facility that we have provided these services to, showing the quality offered by our diverse fiber routes and redundancy.”

PAETEC and its subsidiaries serve governmental entities, such as the Department of Defense and Defense Information Systems Agency, FAA, Department of Treasury, Department of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Army, Air Force and Navy, U.S. Courts, and the Department of Homeland Security. In 2010, the company announced the activation of the 500th high capacity circuit delivered to the United States Department of Defense (DoD). Circuit speeds for the DoD range from DS-3 to 10 Gbps wavelengths, covering 14 states and more than 150 locations.

“As our network extends to more government facilities, so does our dependability around providing robust access points,” said Clint Heiden, president of PAETEC Fiber Services. “Military facilities require top-of-the-line security and reliability, and our infrastructure has proven time and time again that it lives up to those needs.”

PAETEC owns and operates a state-of-the-art fiber network spanning 36,700 route miles, offering reliable, efficient and scalable network solutions for enterprise, service provider and government customers. Its high capacity bandwidth solutions include custom networks, Ethernet, wavelength, SONET, voice, data and Internet options.

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