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R-AHEC Selects PAETEC to Create Western New York Rural Broadband Healthcare Network

*Multi-million dollar contract enables innovative healthcare
IT applications in rural communities via PAETEC's high-speed IP network*

FAIRPORT, N.Y. – November 29, 2011 – [PAETEC Holding Corp. \(NASDAQ: PAET\)](#) today announced that it will provide Rural Area Health Education Center (R-AHEC) with a high-speed IP-network for the Western New York Rural Broadband Healthcare Network (WNYRBHN). This work is part of a 60-month contract valued at \$6 million that will serve 38 facilities with advanced [Internet](#) and [MPLS-based VPN](#) over PAETEC's fiber optic network.

The WNY RBHN is an IP-based network that provides each partner facility a minimum of 10 Megabits per second (Mbps) bandwidth over a secure enterprise wide-area-network, with Quality of Service (QoS). When fully implemented, the WNY RBHN will bring advanced healthcare services such as telemedicine, imaging, and electronic medical records to rural areas including Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC), not-for-profit hospitals, rural health clinics, and post secondary educational institutions.

“We believe this partnership with R-AHEC is a perfect fit and leverages PAETEC's broad network and customer-focused support team,” said Kevin Errity, president of PAETEC's East Region. “Although every network is unique, we have over a decade of experience with large-scale, multi-location networks such as R-AHEC.”

“After a bid-review committee carefully and extensively reviewed all the bids we received, we ultimately selected PAETEC for its experience with complex networks such as ours, its network quality, and the overall value that the company's proposal delivered,” said Kenneth L. Oakley, PhD, FACHE, and CEO of R-AHEC.

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.

About R-AHEC

Western New York Rural Area Health Education Center (R-AHEC) is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization, serving a 12-county region with a mission "to improve health and healthcare through education". R-AHEC addresses health needs of rural communities by creating community partnerships. R-AHEC's areas of focus: Health Workforce Development, Healthcare Technology Development, Preceptor Development, Student Housing and "Pipeline" programming designed to expose K-12 students to health careers.

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