



Covad Communications Announces Strategic Relationship with WilTel Communications

Covad DSL Access Available for WilTel Enterprise Customers in 96 Top Metropolitan Statistical Areas

San Jose, Calif., (June 17, 2004)—Covad Communications Group, Inc. (OTCBB: COVD), a leading nationwide provider of integrated voice and data communications, today announced a strategic relationship with WilTel Communications to provide its enterprise customers with more broadband access choices in the country's top Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs).

Under the agreement, WilTel can now provide improved off-net access provided through Covad's national network to offer small- and-medium-enterprises competitive business-class services such as ATM, Frame Relay, IP VPN, and Dedicated Internet Access. Covad's network expands WilTel's off-net local access reach by over 1,500 central offices across the U.S., bringing WilTel's total number of off-net access locations to more than 13,500. WilTel provides its customers with direct access to its network in more than 1,000 locations nationwide.

"Covad's agreement with WilTel is another solid proof point that we continue to strategically and effectively leverage the company's national network," said Charles Hoffman, president and chief executive officer for Covad. "WilTel now has the ability to reach millions of new business customers with the competitive advantage of IP based access services."

Covad's nationwide network is the largest national DSL footprint. Covad's network enables Internet Service Providers (ISP) and Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLEC) alike to partner with Covad for their broadband needs. A growing number of companies nationwide including AOL, AT&T, Broadwing, EarthLink, Global Crossing, Sprint, MCI and XO work with Covad to power their consumer and business broadband offerings.

About Covad

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of integrated voice and data communications. The company offers DSL, Voice Over IP, T1, Web hosting, managed security, IP and dial-up, and bundled voice and data services directly through Covad's network and



through Internet Service Providers, value-added resellers, telecommunications carriers and affinity groups to small and medium-sized businesses and home users. Covad broadband services are currently available across the nation in 44 states and 235 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and can be purchased by more than 57 million homes and businesses, which represent over 50 percent of all US homes and businesses. Corporate headquarters is located at 110 Rio Robles San Jose, CA 95134. Telephone: 1-888-GO-COVAD. Web Site: www.covad.com.

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