



Covad Customer Operations VP Jake Heinz Speaks at ITAA Symposium on Enterprise VoIP

SAN JOSE, Calif. (March 1, 2006) – Jake Heinz, Vice President of Customer Operations – VoIP Services for Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX:DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, today spoke at a symposium entitled, "Enterprise VoIP: From Communication to Collaboration." The event was organized by the Information Technology Association of America, and was held at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, Virginia.

Heinz, the only participant representing the competitive local exchange carrier community, was joined by representatives from the VON coalition, the US Department of Education, the Burton Group, and US Representative Bart Gordon (D-TN).

The discussion focused on the ways that enterprises are using VoIP alongside other applications, such as instant messaging, wireless, and conferencing, to become more productive and cost-efficient. Heinz, who oversaw the recent automation and scaling of Covad's VoIP operations, discussed the benefits of VoIP to businesses, specifically in improving the efficiency of administering their telecommunications systems.

"The ability of businesses to streamline their telecom management and reduce costs is one of the key benefits of migrating to voice over IP," said Heinz, "Educational events like this are very important in spreading awareness of VoIP and highlighting success stories."

Covad was a co-sponsor of the event.

About Covad

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of broadband 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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