



Bandwidth.com and CompUSA Choose Covad's Voice Optimized Access for their VoIP Offer

San Jose, Calif. (March 20, 2006) - Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX: DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, today announced that it has been chosen to be a preferred DSL and T-1 provider to Bandwidth.com for its voice over IP solution, to be sold through an agreement with CompUSA.

"We are very pleased to be a preferred provider to Bandwidth.com as it partners with CompUSA to launch this exciting new voice solution," said Lisa Graham, vice president of wholesale sales for Covad. "Covad has a strong relationship with both companies and we look forward to helping them succeed in this venture."

Under the terms of the partnership announced at the Spring 2006 VON Conference last week, Bandwidth.com will launch its voice over IP solution targeting small businesses through CompUSA's retail locations, commercial sales and website. The service is a fully hosted IP telephony solution that incorporates Bandwidth.com's robust platform and feature set and will be available over Covad T-1 and SDSL voice-optimized access (VOA). CompUSA will launch the service in April 2006. Covad has been providing Bandwidth.com with T-1 and DSL services under a wholesale arrangement since 2002.

"Covad has a proven track record serving business customers and we are delighted to be offering Covad services to CompUSA customers," said Henry Kaestner, CEO of Bandwidth.com.

Covad's VOA enables small business customers to conduct multiple phone calls and access large data files concurrently over the same connection without compromising the quality of their voice services because Covad controls the flow of voice traffic over its nationwide network and prioritizes telephone conversations over data traffic.

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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.

About CompUSA

CompUSA, Inc., a Dallas-based company, is one of the nation's leading retailers and resellers of technology products and services. CompUSA currently operates more than 240 locations in more than 90 major metropolitan markets across the United



States and Puerto Rico. In addition, CompUSA's Web site offers an assortment of more than 170,000 items. Visit them at www.compusa.com.

About Bandwidth.com

Founded in 1999, Bandwidth is a nationwide communications provider offering businesses advanced Internet, VoIP, network and wireless services. As a single source provider for businesses telecom needs, Bandwidth provides its customers with unparalleled selection, savings and service. The company's unique methodology, experienced team and dedicated customer service, ensures accountability and service superior to that of traditional Internet and VoIP providers. For more information, visit www.bandwidth.com.

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