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## **Covad's Nationwide Network Links World's Largest Contract Foodservice Management Company**

**San Jose, Calif. (October 12, 2006)** – Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX: DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, is now providing technology solutions for the American division of Compass Group, the world's largest contract foodservice management company.

Compass Group has over 8,000 accounts nationwide and Covad is supplying high-quality broadband service to more than 500 locations.

"We approached Covad in July 2005 to fulfill our technology needs. With so many accounts spread across the country, we needed a solution to increase our broadband capabilities," said Roland Falcon, vice president, IT infrastructure and operations with Compass Group, The Americas. "Covad had the technology solutions we were looking for, in terms of increasing the speed in which our accounts could connect and report back to our corporate headquarters with time-sensitive operational and financial information."

Eurest, Wolfgang Puck Catering, Bon Appétit Management Company, and Food Works are just a few of Compass Group's operating companies. National brands include Au Bon Pain, Mamma Leone's, Coyote Jack's, Chick-fil-A and Wolfgang Puck.

"Compass Group has provided us with an exciting opportunity to enable the foodservice industry on a large scale," said Dave McMorrow, executive vice president of sales Covad. "Our national coverage, product portfolio and quality of service allow Compass Group to be successful in their commitments to their customers."

Compass Group is currently exploring opportunities with Covad's VoIP and wireless services.

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#### **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, broadband wireless, 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](http://www.covad.com).



### **About Compass Group**

Charlotte-based Compass Group, The Americas is the leading contract foodservice company with more than \$7.7 billion in revenues and more than 160,000 associates throughout the US, Canada and Latin America. Its parent company, UK-based Compass Group PLC was ranked the 12th largest employer by Fortune magazine in 2006. It has worldwide revenues of \$23.5 billion with over 400,000 associates working in more than 90 countries. For more information about Compass Group, The Americas, visit [www.cgnad.com](http://www.cgnad.com).

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