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## **Covad President and CEO Charles Hoffman to Provide Keynote at 'Disruptive Innovation' Forum at UC Berkeley**

*"Web 2.0 applications need a 2.0 Network to reach their true potential"*

**San Jose, Calif. (Feb. 22, 2007)** – Charles Hoffman, President and CEO of Covad Communications Group, Inc. (AMEX:DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, will provide the keynote address at an Internet technology-focused forum titled "Disruptive Innovation: A Look into the Digital Future" on the UC Berkeley campus. Hoffman is scheduled to present on Saturday, February 24 at 1:30 p.m.

The forum is sponsored by Alpha Epsilon Zeta Fraternity, Inc., the West Coast's premier South Asian Professional Fraternity, and will primarily revolve around the recent development of Web 2.0 based sites and their importance in shaping the future of the digital age. Hoffman's address will draw on his experience as a veteran in the telecommunications industry to discuss the importance of a robust network platform to power and deliver next-generation applications.

"As one of the earliest broadband providers and an integral part of the Bay Area business community, Covad looks forward to participating in this forum," said Hoffman. "Our experience with broadband, VoIP and wireless gives us the understanding that Web 2.0 applications need a '2.0 Network' to reach their true potential."

Covad recently completed the build-out of nation's largest next-generation broadband network, deploying Samsung technology in 758 central offices covering an area that accounts for over 70 percent of the company's total revenue. In partnership with EarthLink, Covad currently offers line powered voice access, the first bundled residential voice and data alternative to the phone and cable companies, over this network. Covad plans to launch additional products, including ADSL 2+ and bonded T1, in the first half of 2007.

In addition to Hoffman's keynote, the day-long event will consist of numerous panel discussions on a wide array of topics. Approximately 300 individuals from the campus and surrounding communities are expected to attend. Further information is available at: [www.aezinc.org/prf/](http://www.aezinc.org/prf/)

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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, wireless broadband, 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. Web Site: [www.covad.com](http://www.covad.com).