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## **Covad Next Generation Broadband Powers Nation's Leading WiFi Hotspots**

*WiFi Salon, Wayport among providers that rely on Covad's T1 and DSL  
to connect hotspots in airports, parks, and other public areas  
nationwide*

**San Jose, Calif. – August 21, 2007** – Covad Communications Group Inc., (AMEX: DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, is rapidly becoming the broadband partner of choice for providers of WiFi hotspots throughout the US. The company supplies back-end broadband connectivity through its national, facilities-based, next-generation broadband network to several prominent hotspot providers, including Wayport, Courtroom Connect, and WiFi Salon.

New York City-based WiFi Salon, which provides free WiFi connectivity in ten prominent New York City Parks, recently began upgrading its network with Covad ADSL 2+, which offers downstream data speeds of up to 15.0 Mbps. "By upgrading to Covad's next-generation ADSL 2+ service, WiFi Salon has significantly enhanced its ability to provide New Yorkers with free high speed WiFi on our *parkwifi* network. People want video, they want fast downloads. We can now scale to meet the growing demand for high bandwidth and multimedia in public spaces such as parks and commercial districts." said WiFi Salon CEO Marshall Brown.

Other examples of WiFi hotspot providers using Covad broadband for back-end connectivity include:

- Wayport, which manages the nation's largest single hotspot footprint, relies on Covad ADSL and T1 to power a portion of its nearly 12,000 WiFi hotspot locations, including US airports, restaurants, and hotels.
- Courtroom Connect, a leading provider of advanced communication services to the legal industry utilizes Covad's broadband connectivity to bring internet, video conferencing and streaming products to law firms, court reporters, bar associations, litigation support firms, and courtrooms.
- WiFi Harbor, a wireless internet provider that offers WiFi hotspots to boaters in California harbors. Covad fixed broadband wireless powers these hotspots, providing last-mile, high speed WiFi connection to customers living and working from these locations.

"We are very pleased that these industry-leading companies have chosen Covad broadband to power their WiFi hotspot networks," said Eric Weiss, Covad senior vice



president and chief marketing officer. "Our next-generation broadband services, including T1 and bonded T1, ADSL and ADSL 2+, and fixed broadband wireless, are uniquely capable of providing the bandwidth to support the multimedia experiences that technology-savvy hotspot providers and end users demand."

Covad next-generation broadband services provide faster data speeds to power bandwidth-intensive applications such as file-sharing and video conferencing, streaming audio and video, and online gaming. WiFi hotspot providers choose Covad to link hotspots to the public Internet with high rates of data speed, lowering or eliminating congestion, enabling more end users to access high-traffic hotspots, and improving the customer experience.

"As service providers and venue owners, such as retailers and restaurants, increasingly partner to deploy WiFi hotspots, it is a smart strategy for network providers to focus on providing back-end broadband connectivity," said Ian Keene, research vice president with Gartner. "A hotspot is only as good as the pipe connecting it to the Internet, so broadband capability and data speeds are essential."

Covad brings its partners a decade-plus history of being easy to do business with. The company has invested in systems and products that make it easy for partners to order and provision reliable and secure services with the level of support and customer experience that they need. Covad's broad portfolio of broadband and fixed wireless offerings, national wireline footprint, and flexible price/data speed combinations make it possible for partners of all sizes and capabilities to easily link up WiFi hotspot networks of varying sizes.

For more information on these Covad services, please call (201) 395-5755 or visit [www.covad.com](http://www.covad.com).

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