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Covad Teams with McAfee to Offer Broadband/Security Bundle to Small Businesses

San Jose and Santa Clara, Calif. – October 18, 2007 – Covad Communications Group Inc., (AMEX: DVW), a leading national provider of integrated voice and data communications, and McAfee, Inc. (NYSE:MFE), the leading dedicated security technology company, announced today they have entered into a partnership to allow Covad to bundle McAfee® Total Protection for Small Business services with Covad's award-winning broadband products to provide small business customers with a simple, affordable solution to meet their security needs. This announcement follows Covad's earlier introduction of enhanced Email and Web Hosting services that enable small businesses to quickly and easily establish a professional Internet presence with minimal cost.

"Covad is excited to provide customers and partners with the first new managed service in our initiative that we call Business Essentials," said Eric Weiss, Covad chief marketing officer. "We are very pleased that McAfee is partnering with us to give our small business customers the peace of mind that comes from deploying the industry's leading security solution."

McAfee Total Protection for Small Business provides an all-in-one service that manages updates automatically to protect desktops and servers against emerging threats. The product includes anti-virus and anti-spyware protection for desktop PCs and file servers, combined with a desktop firewall and McAfee SiteAdvisor™ to guard against viruses, spyware, identity thieves, phishing, unsafe browsing and hacker attacks. This service also includes 24x7 technical support as well as access to the McAfee SecurityCenter, an online management portal where customers will be able to see all their protected computers in one virtual place. McAfee SecurityCenter also enables customers to set policies and view reports without the need to invest in additional management software or servers.

"We look forward to working with Covad to build a strong partnership to benefit our customers. McAfee Total Protection automatically safeguards businesses against known and as yet undiscovered threats, freeing business owners from managing IT security and allowing them to focus on their core business," said Todd Gebhart, senior vice president and general manager, McAfee Consumer, Mobile and Small Business. "Covad's nationwide network, experience in serving small businesses, and commitment to providing innovative broadband products make it an ideal partner for McAfee."



Supporting the McAfee service is Covad's robust portfolio of access services including regular and bonded T1, business-class DSL, and fixed wireless broadband. Covad operates the nation's first and largest next-generation broadband network, from which it has launched advanced broadband services such as Bonded T1 and ADSL 2+ services for businesses.

"Choosing the McAfee Total Protection for Small Business from Covad gives me the benefits of a single, experienced provider for both my high-speed Internet access and security service needs," said Clark Severson, owner of Costa Mesa, CA-based AVANT Productions. "As a small business owner, I am always looking for ways to save time and money. With Covad, I get one bill and one point of contact for support, and I don't have to sign a yearly contract or pay an upfront fee. Doing business with Covad is easy and enables me to focus on what's really important – my customers."

By purchasing a Covad-McAfee solution, small businesses will benefit from a convenient bundle that combines high-speed Internet access with real-time intelligent protection for servers and desktops. The offer requires no upfront capital investment in software, and provides easy installation and maintenance, including automatic updates. This appeals to small businesses, which typically have minimal or no IT staff, that are price and time-conscious. A typical 10-user small business will pay \$40.00 a month for the security service. For more information visit www.covad.com/services/business_essentials/ or call 1-888-GO-COVAD.

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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, broadband wireless, 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 McAfee, Inc.

McAfee, Inc., the leading dedicated security technology company, headquartered in Santa Clara, California, delivers proactive and proven solutions and services that secure systems and networks around the world. With its unmatched security expertise and commitment to innovation, McAfee empowers home users, businesses, the public sector, and service providers with the ability to block attacks, prevent disruptions, and continuously track and improve their security. <http://www.mcafee.com>.

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