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Bridgewater Systems AAA Service Controller Successfully Used in Nortel WiMAX Customer Trials

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ORLANDO, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Bridgewater Systems, a leading developer of subscriber-centric policy management software for IP-based services, today announced that Nortel is integrating the Bridgewater Systems market-leading AAA Service Controller as part of their comprehensive mobile WiMAX solution. As a supplier of authentication, authorization, and accounting (AAA) solutions for Nortel's WiMAX offering, Bridgewater provides a proven network access control solution that allows service providers to control access to advanced and differentiated services in these networks.

A key component in Bridgewater's extensive policy management portfolio, the AAA Service Controller is access technology agnostic, allowing operators to support multiple network types simultaneously. As a result, existing cellular operators can expand their networks to include WiMAX while leveraging a common network access control solution that delivers operational efficiencies and time-to-market advantages.

Bridgewater's AAA Service Controller is providing the authentication, authorization and accounting functionality in WiMAX trials being conducted by Nortel across the globe. This early joint success in the growing mobile WiMAX market builds on a reseller relationship allowing Nortel to distribute the Bridgewater network access control product suite on a non-exclusive basis around the world.

The AAA Service Controller features specific support for mobile WiMAX including supplementary authentication protocols such as Extensible Authentication Protocol (EAP). Through a dual-stack architecture, the AAA Service Controller facilitates the migration from RADIUS to Diameter configurations allowing operators to maintain their legacy infrastructure while transitioning smoothly to the next-generation protocol — without facing any hidden operating costs. Dual-stack technology is particularly useful for CDMA network operators who are examining a future IMS or WiMAX strategy that will require Diameter support.

"Nortel has taken a leadership position in bringing mobile WiMAX solutions to market and clearly delivers innovative products that best meet the needs and challenges of operators," said Tyler Nelson, vice president of business development and marketing for Bridgewater Systems. "Bridgewater is proud to play a role in Nortel's WiMAX ecosystem and its 4G offering by delivering a critical component in their network solutions."

Meet Bridgewater Systems at CTIA Wireless 2007, booth #4653 and at Nortel Inform 2007 User Conference.

About Bridgewater Systems

Bridgewater Systems develops the industry's most advanced subscriber-centric policy management software for fixed, mobile and converged networks. Its solutions help global service providers launch new services faster and maximize profits by creating a subscriber-centric policy decision point to control and monetize the dynamic subscriber interaction with IP-based services. Vendor-neutral and access network agnostic, Bridgewater Systems' comprehensive policy management portfolio features: *network access control* products including authentication, authorization and accounting (AAA) and dynamic host configuration protocol (DHCP) systems; *entitlement control* products to manage subscriber access to applications and network resources; and robust *subscriber management* via a centralized policy and profile repository solution. Bridgewater Systems' proven carrier-class products help service providers enrich the subscriber experience, enable extensive revenue capture capabilities, and out-of-the-box value that can be deployed in weeks - instead of months.

More than 80 leading service providers around the globe including Verizon Wireless, Sprint, Bell Mobility, Virgin Mobile USA and SmarTone-Vodafone trust Bridgewater's technology and business insight to help them deliver world-class services. Founded in 1997, Bridgewater Systems is a privately held company. www.bridgewatersytems.com

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