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WCA Leadership Briefing Oct. 4 To Showcase Mobile Interoperability From WiMAX PlugFest

WASHINGTON, DC (Oct. 2, 2006) – The [Wireless Communications Association International](http://www.wcai.com) (WCA) announced that insights from the first WiMAX Forum™ *PlugFest* demonstrating interoperability of mobile products will be discussed at WCA's *Carrier & Enterprise Leadership Briefing* on Wednesday, Oct. 4 in Reston, VA.

WCA's annual invitation-only conference for industry leaders and prominent members of the media will feature, among others, authoritative comments by WiMAX leaders Intel Corp. and Bechtel Telecommunications. The latter hosted the first public mobile WiMAX Forum *PlugFest* from Sept. 24 to Oct. 1 at Bechtel's Training, Demonstration and Research Laboratory in Frederick, MD.

“*WiMAX Forum Interoperability Testing At Bechtel Labs: Summary and Path Forward*” is the title of the 2 p.m. joint presentation by Bechtel Principal Vice President & CTO J.S. (Jake) MacLeod and Intel Mobility Group Director of Technology Standards Kamran Etemad, Ph.D.

“WCA's one-day conference, which is co-located with WCA's fall Board of Directors meeting, is intended for those industry leaders most active within the WCA to share insights with one another following a summer of momentous developments,” commented WCA President Andrew Kreig.

Qualified full-time press and industry analysts are eligible for complementary admission to the *Leadership Briefing*. WCA's website contains the [Agenda](#) and background on the [speaker topics](#). Media registration is via WCA Communications Director [Susan Polyakova](#).

The WiMAX Forum has described its *PlugFest* as providing mobile WiMAX equipment suppliers an open environment in which to test compatibility and interoperability of equipment in preparation for certification. Interoperability is the foundation of standardization and the core tenet of the WiMAX Forum's efforts. The WiMAX Forum Certification Test Lab located at CETECOM in Malaga, Spain – which has been certifying WiMAX fixed products since January 2006 – will soon be joined by TTA Labs of Korea for the initial certification of mobile WiMAX products. Mobile certification testing is scheduled to begin towards the end of 2006, with market availability of WiMAX Forum Certified™ mobile WiMAX products beginning in early 2007. Representatives from both labs were heavily involved in the Maryland mobile *PlugFest*.

Companies participating in the **PlugFest** included Accton Technologies, Adaptix, Airspan, Alcatel, Altair Semiconductor, Alvarion, Beceem Communications, CETECOM-Aeroflex, GCT Semiconductor, Intel, M/A-Com, Motorola, Navini Networks, picoChip, POSDATA, Runcom, Samsung, SEQUANS Communications, SOMA Networks, TTA Labs, Wintegra, and test equipment vendors CETECOM, Invenova, and Rohde and Schwarz.

Based on a record number of mobile equipment manufacturers requesting to participate in this **PlugFest**, WiMAX Forum also announced that an additional **PlugFest** will be held at the CETECOM testing facility in Malaga, Spain on October 20-24, 2006. The **PlugFest** at CETECOM will focus on incremental service interoperability tests for WiMAX products designed for fixed and stationary applications. The next step for companies participating in the **PlugFest** is to achieve the WiMAX Forum Certified™ seal.

“Together, WiMAX Forum member companies from around the world will meet the market demand for WiMAX products that have earned the WiMAX Forum Certified™ seal – an achievement that denotes interoperability,” commented WiMAX Forum President Ron Resnick. “The **PlugFests** held over the next two months signify continued momentum in mobile WiMAX product development and progress toward the widespread proliferation of these systems in networks around the world.”

About the Wireless Communications Association

Founded in 1988, WCA's 250 member companies include leading broadband wireless carriers, vendors and eco-system members on six continents. WCA's mission is to advance the interests of the wireless carriers that provide high-speed data, Internet, voice and video services on broadband spectrum through land-based systems using reception/transmit devices in all broadband spectrum bands. WCA is an established leader in government relations, technology standards and industry event organization. For more information, visit: www.wcai.com.

About the WiMAX Forum

The WiMAX Forum is an industry-led, non-profit corporation formed to help promote and certify the compatibility and interoperability of broadband wireless products using the IEEE 802.16 and ETSI HiperMAN wireless MAN specifications. The forum's goal is to accelerate the introduction of these devices into the marketplace. WiMAX Forum Certified™ products will be fully interoperable and support Metropolitan Broadband Fixed, Portable and Mobile Applications. The WiMAX Forum continues strengthening the WiMAX ecosystem with a current membership approaching 400 companies acting in concert to develop, produce, certify, and deliver quality products. Each member company shares the WiMAX Forum's commitment to the open interoperability of products delivering broadband wireless services. For more information about the WiMAX Forum, visit <http://www.wimaxforum.org>. # # #

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