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Sen. Stevens & White House Leader Evans To Discuss Critical Security Measures For Government IT Networks

WASHINGTON, DC (Oct. 19, 2007) – Two of the most prominent U.S. government leaders behind the Physically Diverse Networks (PDN) federal standard will headline WCA's *PDN Summit* in Washington, DC, on the morning of Nov. 6. Diverse, robust and resilient communications systems are a critical component of the U.S. government's latest steps in strengthening the nation's emergency response and preparedness networks. The event is organized by the Wireless Communications Association International (WCA) – the trade association for the broadband wireless industry – in close cooperation with the U.S. Department of Commerce.

U.S. Sen. Ted Stevens (R-AK) led the Senate's efforts to enact appropriations law P.L. 108-447 mandating a national standard for physically diverse networks serving federal buildings. He will deliver the opening keynote and will be joined by Karen Evans of the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB). As the OMB's Administrator of the Office of Electronic Government and Information Technology and chair of the CIO Council comprised of the chief information officers of all major federal departments and agencies, Evans effectively implemented the law beginning in July of 2005.

The *Summit* will explore the applicability of the law to the needs of government end-users, IT policy makers and private industry solutions providers, covering recent developments in innovative networking security solutions. A select group of WCA member companies focused on integrating wireless networks to satisfy the physically diverse component of the law, will provide information on cost-effective approaches for an audience of local government CIOs and CTOs. FiberTower and Nextlink Communications are major sponsors for the half-day event, which will be followed by WCA's Physically Diverse Networks committee meeting.

This unique, high-level networking and educational program is planned for those in government and industry who seek to enhance reliability and recovery for vital networks in case of disaster or terrorism. The meeting will be in Polaris Room at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in the heart of Washington, DC. Additional information on speaking opportunities, sponsorships, committee participation and registration for the *Summit* is available at www.physicallydiversenetworks.com.

The *Summit* is open to members of the press who can register [online](#) or by contacting Susan Polyakova (susan@wcai.com).

About the Wireless Communications Association International (WCA)

Founded in 1988, WCA is the Washington, DC-based trade association for the wireless broadband industry. Its 240 member companies on six continents represent the bulk of the sector's leading carriers, system integrators, vendors, educators and consultants. For details, visit: www.wcai.com. ##