



Westel Invests in Next Generation Switching and Applications Technology

Significant technology upgrade ensures customers will enjoy newest features

Austin, TX — June 5, 2006. Westel, Inc., an integrated communications provider delivering comprehensive telephony solutions to customers since 1981, today announced they have made a significant investment in next generation softswitch technology to upgrade their network and product selection. MetaSwitch, a market-leading provider of switching and applications solutions, will provide the new equipment.

“Westel has built a solid reputation for meeting the communications needs of our business and residential customers with the highest quality services”, stated John Ilgen, Sr. Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Westel, Inc. “We continue to invest in new technologies in order to provide our customers with all of the latest and greatest telephony features and benefits available in the market today. The MetaSwitch is truly a next generation switch, which presents many opportunities for us as a company and offers even more service options and flexibility for our customers.”

Some of these next-generation services will optimize voice and data communications technologies on the same integrated broadband circuit.

About Westel, Inc.

Since 1981, Westel, Inc. has been a leading telecommunications company providing business customers in the Southwest a full range of voice, data and Internet services. The company serves small and medium business customers using a fully managed digital network featuring multiple switch sites with network redundancy. Westel continues to incorporate the latest technologies that provide customers with the most cost-effective solutions. Visit Westel, Inc. online at www.westel.net.

About MetaSwitch

MetaSwitch is an industry-leading vendor of IP Multimedia Subsystem (IMS) switching and applications solutions for both packet and circuit-switched networks. Its widely deployed call agent, media/signaling gateway and application server platform supports a full range of legacy Class 4/5 capabilities and hosted unified communications services, and scales from a few hundred to millions of

subscribers in both integrated and distributed configurations. Customers include incumbent and competitive local exchange carriers, as well as operators of broadband wireless, cable and fiber networks. MetaSwitch is a division of established telecom technology provider Data Connection. The company is consistently profitable and privately held, with main U.S. offices in California and Virginia, and European headquarters in London, U.K. For more information: www.metaswitch.com.

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