



NICS awarded multi-year contract from Pacific Gas & Electric for Unified Communications

Draper, Utah – December 18th, 2007 – Pacific Gas & Electric Corporation (PG&E) has selected NICS for a multi-year, multi-million dollar contract to consolidate its widely distributed electric control center operations including existing fixed and mobile communications networks. NICS was chosen after extensive evaluation of the RAVIN solution and based upon the company's experience in developing unified communications.

NICS' RAVIN solution seamlessly integrates existing radio communications, telephony and IP network infrastructures to enhance day-to-day and emergency communications, while providing a platform for future enhancements. The RAVIN solution will cost-effectively extend the useful life of PG&E's existing communications technologies and support operators with unified communications functionality and mobility.

One of the largest utility providers in North America, PG&E is a California-based utility delivering gas and electric power to more than 15 million people throughout northern and central California. PG&E represents approximately \$34.8 billion in assets as of year-end 2006.

"PG&E recognized the value of unifying its communications systems with the RAVIN technology," said NICS managing partner Tim Willoughby. "By removing the disparate technology barrier and allowing real-time interaction between PG&E's fixed IP telephony and mobile radio systems, the company is able to extend the range and functionality of its existing system without requiring a complete enterprise replacement."

PG&E selected RAVIN for unified communications including console equipment, gateway technologies and peripheral interfaces which fully integrate with the existing enterprise network infrastructure. RAVIN uses blade server and workstation technology, leading-edge peripheral interface controllers and supports several simultaneous applications from a single blade. The RAVIN solution scales to handle additional monitors, peripheral devices and interfaces with such technologies as electronic map boards, video walls and projection systems.

About NICS

NICS is a full service network integrator and an industry pioneer in voice and radio over IP technology products. The company designs and builds turnkey solutions that enable real-time, secure, group communications over the IP networks linking multiple communications technologies. The company's technology is secure, standard-based and highly scalable. NICS is based in Draper, Utah and can be contacted through its Web site at www.nicserv.com.

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