



ACCESS ANYPLACE SELECTS VIVATO'S PHASED-ARRAY WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY AND PRONTO NETWORK'S OSS FOR THE HOME OF NASCAR

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Builds on Vivato's Growing Number of Metro Deployments

SPOKANE, Wash., June 6 -- Vivato, Inc., a leading provider of extended-range Wi-Fi equipment, Access AnyPlace, a wireless Internet Service Provider, and Wi-Fi OSS leader Pronto Networks have completed the first of three installation phases of a Wi-Fi system to support public safety efforts, tourism, and economic development initiatives within a five-square-mile area of Daytona Beach, FL. The network -- comprised of three Vivato base stations, 10 microcell access points (APs) and Pronto Networks' operations support system software and controller to manage user access, billing and roaming -- will bring broadband wireless access to the home of NASCAR.

"We evaluated other wireless technologies, but chose Vivato's extended-range architecture combined with Pronto Networks' OSS because the combination makes the most economic sense," said Mark Williams, president and CEO, Access AnyPlace. "Compared to traditional mesh technologies, Vivato requires far fewer APs while delivering greater throughput and higher bandwidth. Pronto Networks provides the key operational functions of user access, billing and roaming that is scalable, provides quality of service across the network and offers superior user experience," Williams added.

"We wanted a robust, proven system that handles mixed use public and private applications and will grow to meet the city's needs," Williams said.

"The Vivato and Pronto system is delivering service today, and will provide a platform for coming applications and services such as VoIP." The city will make the network available to local businesses, residents and visitors to support economic development and its tourism industry.

"To date, about 70 percent of the Daytona Beach area hotels have no Internet access, wireless or otherwise," said Nick Conte, director of internet services for the Daytona Beach Area Convention & Visitors Bureau, who has utilized this joint partnership to begin web casting video images of the beach on his consumer Web site daytonabeach.com. "The team has been incredibly professional and willing to help," said Conte. "With the installation of Vivato's new Wi-Fi system (powered by Pronto Networks) area visitors will be able to enjoy high-speed wireless access -- and a superior user experience -- from anywhere they roam within our city, whether it's in the hotel they're staying, for vacation or business, or a sidewalk cafe. This will be a boon to both our community and local tourism."

The Vivato approach to Wi-Fi incorporates phased-array antennas and a patented PacketSteering(TM) technology to provide up to 12 times the coverage of competing Wi-Fi systems. By requiring fewer components, a Vivato installation also features lower networking and maintenance costs.

"We're pleased to work with Access AnyPlace and Pronto Networks to add Daytona Beach to our growing number of large-scale metro deployments," said Glenn Booth, marketing director, Vivato. "It further validates the value proposition that we offer our customers-that the Vivato approach

delivers the most-effective Wi-Fi solution on the market, providing dramatically greater coverage for considerably less cost than competing solutions."

The Daytona network will use the Pronto OSS software to provide secure authentication and access control, pre-paid and post-paid billing, location-based services, incident tracking, remote subscriber monitoring, and roaming clearing and settlement. Pronto's OSS supports a 'mixed use' environment, allowing various user groups, such as public safety officials, residents and visitors, to securely share the same network while having customized service plans, splash pages and Quality of Service guarantees. The Pronto Hotzone Service Controller provides AAA (Authentication, Authorization and Accounting) and IP routing functionality, as well as the ability to customize the end-user portal and walled garden sites. Pronto's OSS is deployed in high profile cities across the country and is part of Intel's Digital Cities ecosystem.

About Vivato

Vivato, Inc. is a wireless systems infrastructure company with technology that is based upon an innovative signal processing and antenna design. Vivato's unique system architecture enables cost-effective, large-scale indoor and outdoor wireless deployments in cities and towns, as well as airports, seaports, warehouses, universities, enterprises and hotels. Vivato is headquartered in Spokane, Washington. For more information, please visit <http://www.vivato.com> or call 509-343-6001

About Access AnyPlace

Access AnyPlace, the recreation industry's premier provider of high-speed wireless Internet access, uses the latest in 802.11x wireless secured technology to deliver Internet connectivity to thousands of recreation enthusiasts -- from marinas in Florida and Georgia to RV Parks in North Carolina and Virginia -- plus, hot spots throughout the Southeast. Access AnyPlace grants any Wi-Fi enabled device the ability to access the Web at a blazing 11 megabits per second to a range of up to 300 feet. Access AnyPlace is headquartered in Georgia and is privately owned and managed by a team of wireless technology experts. For more information contact (800) 771-3898 or visit <http://www.accessanyplace.com>.

About Pronto Networks

Pronto Networks, based in Pleasanton, Calif., provides carrier-class Operations Support Systems (OSS) that enable network operators to deploy and manage large public hot spot and hot zone networks. The company's software handles provisioning, configuration, authentication, access control, security, pre-paid and post-paid billing, and roaming settlement for large public WLAN networks, in addition to remotely managing and updating multi-vendor hardware and Wi-Fi switches. Pronto Networks is funded by BV Capital, Draper Fisher Jurvetson and the Intel Communications Fund. Pronto Networks was recently named to the **AlwaysOn List of Top 100** Private Companies for the second consecutive year and in 2003 received Wired Magazine's Top 25 Wi-Fi Companies to Watch and Computerworld's Innovative Technology Awards. For more information about Pronto Networks, visit <http://www.prontonetworks.com>.