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PAETEC Chairman and CEO Arunas Chesonis to Deliver Keynote Address at COMPTEL PLUS Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO

Founder Built PAETEC into FORTUNE 1000 Company in 12 Years

WASHINGTON, D.C. – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive telecommunications industry, today announced that Arunas A. Chesonis, chairman and CEO of PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ: PAET), will deliver the keynote address at the COMPTEL PLUS Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO. The event takes place September 12-15, 2010, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas.

"Every year, COMPTEL PLUS is the place to be to join in with many of the smartest minds in the industry to shape our collective futures," said Chesonis. "The key topics we all face today are very different than they were just a few years ago. I’m again honored to have the opportunity to speak to this group of telecom professionals and participate in these vital conversations."

Chesonis founded PAETEC in 1998, and since that time the company has achieved remarkable growth. With 2009 annual revenues of $1.58 billion, the company recently earned a place in the prestigious FORTUNE 1000 list of America’s largest companies. The company provides personalized communications services – including data, voice, and IP services, as well as enterprise communications management software, network security solutions, CPE and managed services – for business-class customers across the United States.

At PAETEC, Chesonis has developed and fostered a unique, employee-focused culture based on four core values – a caring culture, open communication, unmatched service and personalized solutions – and has co-written the business book, It Isn't Just Business, It's Personal. Because of this philosophy, in 2009 and 2010 the company was named one of the top 10 best large companies to work for in New York State by NYS-SHRM and received the national American Business Ethics Award sponsored by the Society for Financial Service Professionals.

“We are honored to have Arunas as the keynote speaker for our Fall 2010 convention,” said Jerry James, COMPTEL’s CEO. “Under his capable leadership, PAETEC continues to be a great example of the positive impact COMPTEL members have on the U.S. economy, providing new innovative products and services for their customers, creating new jobs and investing in technology for the future.”

Chesonis began his career at Rochester Telephone Corp. and went on to serve as president of ACC Corp., leading the company until it was purchased by TCG/ATT in 1998. Among the
professional accolades Chesonis has received include the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the Herbert W. Vanden Brul Entrepreneurial Award by the College of Business at Rochester Institute of Technology, and was elected to the Rochester Business Hall of Fame.

He earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an MBA from the William E. Simon Graduate School of Business at the University of Rochester, and an Honorary Doctorate of Laws from the University of Rochester. He is co-director of the MIT Sustainable Energy Revolution Program (SERP), and serves as trustee at the Harley School, Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester. He also serves as a husband and father to wife Pam, and children Adam, Erik, Tessa and Emma Chesonis, for whom the company was named by founding employees.

About PAETEC
PAETEC (NASDAQ: PAET), a Fortune 1000 company, is personalizing business communications for medium and large businesses, enterprise organizations and institutions across the United States. We offer a comprehensive suite of IP, voice, data, and Internet services, as well as enterprise communications management software, network security solutions, CPE, and managed services. For more information, visit www.paetec.com.

About COMPTEL PLUS
COMPTEL PLUS is the preeminent networking event for innovative communications companies. Held twice a year, these events attract more than 140 unique exhibitors and 2,800 different attendees, who have the opportunity to learn about new products, services and industry trends, meet potential customers and do business. In addition to exclusive exhibit hours, COMPTEL PLUS offers comprehensive educational programming and experienced industry speakers. The COMPTEL PLUS Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO is scheduled for September 12-15, 2010, at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas. For more information, please visit http://comptel.org/content.asp?contentid=2153.

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Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members’ interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.