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**COMPTEL *PLUS* Attracts More than 2,000 Attendees to Dallas**

***Fall Convention Features Largest Crowd in Recent History, Sold Out Exhibit Hall***

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive telecommunications industry, today announced that the COMPTEL *PLUS* Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO attracted more than 2,000 attendees to Dallas this week to explore 105 exhibitors in a sold out expo hall, network with prospective customers and attend valuable educational sessions.

“The energy and activity at our Fall show – from the strong attendance and exhibit sales to business activity in the expo hall – is evidence that competition continues to gain momentum in the marketplace,” said Jerry James, COMPTEL’s CEO. “Based on the products and services being showcased by exhibitors, it is clear that the competitive sector is ready to expand its innovative broadband offerings to small and mid-sized enterprises now and into the future.”

The show kicked off on Sunday night with an opening reception and entertainment on the trade show floor. Monday morning opened with a keynote address by Arunas Chesonis, chairman and CEO of PAETEC Holding Corp. (NASDAQ: PAET), who asked “Are You Smarter than a Bell Head?” Highlights of his speech can be found on the [COMPTEL Website](#).

At the close of the exhibits on Tuesday, September 14, Becky Fenton of Charter Business in Colorado won a raffle for Sony LCD 3-D HDTV. Sponsors of the exhibit hall raffle included DDR Broadband Networks, Endstream Communications Inc., GENBAND, GeoResults Inc., i2 Gemini Inc., Taqua, Transition Networks Inc. and Sprint.



Two days of educational sessions on business, regulatory and technology topics wrapped up with a half-day regulatory workshop this morning on "Preparing for "Next Generation" Interconnection Agreements," sponsored by Casey, Gentz & Magness, LLP.

News from the COMPTTEL *PLUS* Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO can be found online in the *Show Daily*. Click [here](#) to read news from [Day One](#) (September 13) and [here](#) to read news from [Day Two](#) (September 14).

#### **About COMPTTEL *PLUS***

COMPTTEL *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 the trade show, COMPTTEL *PLUS* offers comprehensive educational programming and experienced industry speakers. The COMPTTEL *PLUS* Fall 2010 Convention & EXPO was held September 12-15, 2010, at the Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center in Dallas. The COMPTTEL *PLUS* Spring 2011 Convention & EXPO is scheduled for March 20-23, 2011, at The Venetian in Las Vegas. For more information, please visit the [COMPTTEL Website](#).

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#### **About COMPTTEL**

*Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTTEL 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. COMPTTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTTEL 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](http://www.comptel.org).*