

American Broadband Services Selected Most Valuable Partner by New Edge Networks

Fresno, CA - July 30, 2003 - American Broadband Services, a leading provider of nationwide business to business internet connectivity and IT solutions, was selected as one of the Most Valuable Partners for 2003 by New Edge Networks, a national business broadband services provider.

American Broadband Services is one of a very small group of Internet service providers, communications companies and business systems integrators selected this year by New Edge Networks from a roster of more than 480 companies nationwide that are affiliated with the Vancouver, Wash.-based broadband carrier. The selection criteria for this year's MVP Council was based on sales volume, revenue growth and customer service commitment over the past 12 months.

“ Each member of this year's MVP Council is a strong operating company and poised to thrive and grow because they are doing the right things for delivering broadband services to their customers in an era of telecom meltdown,” said Dan Moffat, president and CEO of New Edge Networks. “ We focus on a shared vision: improving the customer experience and building our partners' voice into our future products, processes, and programs.”

As members of this year's MVP Council, representatives from American Broadband Services traveled to New Edge Networks' headquarters for two days of idea exchanges and strategizing aimed at maximizing the value of business broadband services to customers everywhere.

“ At American Broadband Services we are proud of our success and delighted to offer vital input and recommendations for making things even better,” said Brian Watters, Senior Director of Internet Services, for American Broadband Services. “The opportunity to share and exchange ideas among the most successful ISP's around the country will help us improve and deliver more broadband value to our customers. ABS is focused on delivering quality broadband internet access and productivity enhancing peripheral services.”

In addition to broadband DSL, T-1 and frame relay services, American Broadband Services also provides Web Hosting, E-Mail Services, WebWork team collaboration tools, safe-Mail virus scanning services, Live!Link real time on-line helpdesk services and much more!

About American Broadband Services:

Founded in 1999 American Broadband Services based in California delivers and manages broadband and VoIP powered networks for businesses large and small. Through its nationwide network of more than 850 switches and Internet routers, American Broadband Services uses various broadband access technologies for building business networks. These include all types of T1, DS3, xDSL, Frame Relay, ATM and MPLS. Its network coverage reaches 100 percent of U. S. business addresses. American Broadband Services product suite includes all forms of business grade Internet connectivity products as well as an ever expanding telecommunications capability with soft switches across the USA delivering over 500 million minutes of long distance traffic per month. 2007 marks the first year of American Broadband Services expanding internationally to provide VoIP based services into the United Kingdom. The company's Web site: www.americanbroadbandservice.com. Telephone: 1-559-420-0200.

About New Edge Networks

New Edge Networks, based in Vancouver, Wash., is a wholly owned subsidiary of EarthLink Inc. (NASDAQ: ELNK). New Edge Networks builds and manages private networks for businesses and communications providers. Through its nationwide backbone network with almost 900 switches and Internet routers, New Edge Networks uses any blend of network and access technologies (MPLS, frame relay, ATM, xDSL, cable, wireless, and satellite) for providing high-speed connections at any business address in the United States. Network options include any combination of access, network management functions, and on-site installation services. For more information visit www.newedgenetworks.com.