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**MCI Adds Cable to Internet Broadband Mix**

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**Companies Can Utilize One Provider to Reach 90 Percent of U.S. Business Locations**

ASHBURN, Va., Jan. 11 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- MCI, Inc. (Nasdaq: [MCIP](#) - [News](#)) today announced it is expanding its Internet Broadband portfolio to include high-speed cable access, enabling MCI customers to reach an estimated 90 percent of all U.S. business locations with its business-class DSL and now Internet Cable Services.

With its expanded footprint, MCI customers can supplement Digital Subscriber Line (DSL), and other forms of Internet access such as satellite and WiFi, with MCI's new Internet Cable service, which is ideal for reaching locations where DSL is not available or where customers have a preference for cable access.

"With MCI's expanded broadband portfolio, businesses can turn to MCI for nationwide uniform service across access options, without the complexity of managing multiple solutions from different providers," said Nancy Gofus, MCI senior vice president of Product Management. "MCI's new cable service is another example of how MCI is continuing to deliver cost-effective IP products and services that offer businesses greater value and simplicity."

MCI's Internet Cable Service is targeted at businesses like retailers, service companies and other organizations with multiple locations, requiring cost effective, "always on" connectivity to the Internet. The new cable service is also well-suited for teleworkers needing the same high-speed, business-grade connectivity as their office counterparts to corporate resources and the Internet.

Leveraging its relationship with New Edge Networks, MCI is making available asymmetric cable service from Charter, Cox Communications and Time Warner Cable. MCI's solution gives customers speeds of 768 Kpbs and greater for information received and speeds of 256 kbps and higher for information sent. Providing a one-stop resource, MCI backs the service with 24/7 technical service and support as well as consolidated billing.

With reliable, high-speed remote access to corporate resources, company employees in local offices and retail locations can now quickly access company information, process transactions and share files with associates around the globe.

For customers wanting to enhance their Internet DSL and cable security, MCI offers IP VPN Broadband, a managed solution that encrypts the traffic between remote locations and corporate headquarters over MCI's newest broadband addition. Targeted to customers with retail store and small office applications, this solution is ideal for large scale deployments and is delivered to customer sites pre-configured and ready for immediate installation, allowing remote company locations to get online quickly and easily.

In June 2004, MCI and New Edge Networks, a national provider of multi-site broadband networks for business and carrier customers, announced the companies had extended their strategic relationship to deliver additional DSL services to more MCI business customers nationwide. Through New Edge's expanded broadband reach called "Bigfoot," MCI now offers and supports DSL services in 300 metro areas in the U.S.

**About MCI**

MCI, Inc. (Nasdaq: [MCIP](#) - [News](#)) is a leading global communications provider, delivering innovative, cost-effective, advanced communications connectivity to businesses, governments and consumers. With the industry's most expansive global IP backbone, based on the number of company-owned points of presence, and wholly-owned data

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networks, MCI develops the converged communications products and services that are the foundation for commerce and communications in today's market. For more information, go to <http://www.mci.com>.

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