

## **PacStar Unified Communications Solutions Based on Cisco Technology Receive JITC Certification**

### ***Solutions Enable Military to Connect to Defense Switched Network While Simplifying Operations and Reducing Costs***

**Portland, Ore., August 18, 2009** – PacStar™, a technology-based provider of communications solutions to the military and government, today announced that the PacStar 6800 Small End Office (SMEO) and the PacStar 6300 Deployable Voice Exchange (DVX) have received information assurance accreditation by the Defense IA/Security Accreditation Working Group (DSAWG). The solutions have also received interoperability certification by the Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC), and consequently the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) placed them on the Approved Product List (APL). Both solutions are designed to be the voice core of the network infrastructure for the U.S. military around the world.

The PacStar 6800 and 6300 solutions enable the military to connect to the Defense Switched Network (DSN), eliminating cumbersome two-step analog to IP network complexity. Also, the PacStar 6800 is the only SMEO voice switch based on the Cisco Unified Communications platform that is accredited for the DSN.

With proven Cisco hardware at its core, the PacStar 6800 and 6300 solutions were designed to meet the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD)'s everything over IP mandate, a requirement for the military to shift to fully IP-capable solutions. These solutions provide a common IP communications platform from the military base to the battlefield.

A key differentiator for both solutions is PacStar's proprietary IQ-Core™ Software. The software integrates disparate hardware components to meet the stringent JITC information assurance and interoperability requirements. Additionally, IQ-Core Software simplifies the management of the system through intuitive wizards for configuration and monitoring.

"We are proud to receive JITC certification for these solutions," said Laura Kubisiak, vice president of marketing and business development at PacStar. "It is important for military communications to leverage IP-based technology in a reliable and secure way to enable advanced collaboration capabilities. This certification not only validates the interoperability and security of our Cisco Unified Communications solutions, but also supports our commitment to provide the best tools for the U.S. military to achieve their mission while reducing costs and simplifying operations."

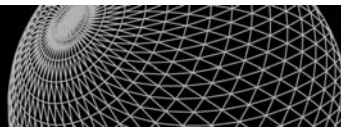
"As defense agencies embrace the mandated everything over IP strategy, the network becomes the platform to help modernize today's base and battlefield operations to provide unparalleled communications capabilities," said Patrick Finn, Cisco's federal vice president. "With the PacStar 6800 and 6300 solutions based on Cisco's Unified Communications platform now JITC certified and APL listed, these solutions form a strategic path for the government to effectively migrate from TDM to IP."

#### **About PacStar**

Pacific Star Communications (PacStar™) provides advanced communications solutions that empower military, federal and local governments, and emergency responders with reliable, interoperable communications capabilities. Our patented IQ-Core™ Software and hardware provide secure, command control and communications systems in enterprise and tactical applications.

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