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Small to Mid-sized Businesses Reap the Benefits of Midland Communications' Customer Centric Programs

Company Reports Strong Customer Satisfaction Levels By Bucking the Trend of Scaling Back in a Down Economy

DAVENPORT, IA —September 2, 2009 Midland Communications, an industry leader in business communications, announced today that the area's small to mid-sized businesses are reaping the benefits from customer centric programs that the company deployed over the years. A number of innovative programs were designed by Midland Communications to continually enhance satisfaction levels, especially during recessionary periods. While most companies cut back services and technology solutions, Midland Communications is expanding to help organizations increase profitability and employee productivity.

A few years ago Midland Communications conducted a thorough needs analysis of their customer base and found that companies were interested in learning more about the latest developments in communications, find creative ways to reduce costs, and obtain a better understanding of how to efficiently utilize technology to grow their organizations. However, these same companies didn't have the means, resources, or expertise to stay at the forefront of advancements in technology. As a result the Customer Advocate Department was born. Today, Midland Communications' Customer Advocates educate companies about technologies that they haven't currently adopted that could greatly benefit their business. Some examples of these technologies include Voice over Internet (VoIP), SIP Trunking, call accounting, web and audio

conferencing, and GPS tracking systems for vehicles.

Another Midland Communications program where businesses are reaping the benefits is in managed IT services. Essentially, Midland Communications' customers outsource the management of their data network and infrastructure so they can focus all of their energy on their core competency. Running an efficient network is not easy, especially with the convergence of voice and data. Too often companies are caught up in day-to-day operations that mission-critical network maintenance and security management get overlooked. Unfortunately, most businesses do not have the resources to properly maintain, support, and keep their network up to date. Offloading this function to an expert like Midland Communications helps companies concentrate on growing their business.

In today's environment, budgets for most businesses are extremely tight. A program that has become vastly popular is Midland Communications' Current Technology Assurance Plan (C-TAP). C-TAP's two most important objectives are to eliminate technology's obsolescence through refresh, while providing a true cost of ownership. Rather than paying cash up front for a depreciating asset like technology, companies pay a fixed monthly cost that is recorded in an operating budget. This enhances the financial health from both tax and budgeting standpoints. The cost is a known entity and customers on C-TAP never receive another invoice. Included in C-TAP are all of the professional services that Midland Communications offers.

"Our dedication to developing customer centric programs that drive

satisfaction has enabled us to envision and prepare for market trends before they even occur," said Jason Smith, Sales Manager of Midland Communications. "Creating programs like customer advocacy, managed IT services, and C-TAP help companies change the way they do business, allow them to conserve cash, and give them affordable access to new technology. Historically, customer service for most companies dramatically declines during a recession. I'm proud to say that our customers experience the exact opposite."

ABOUT MIDLAND COMMUNICATIONS

Midland Communications began more than 60 years ago in 1946 as the Worldwide Marketing Arm of Victor-Animagraph Projectors. In 1977 a communications division was formed due to a partnership with NEC America. Today, As a distributor of NEC America, for 33 years, Midland Communications has a customer base of more than 3,000 satisfied customers that include general businesses, government agencies, Universities, colleges, hospitals, and hotels.

Midland provides a wide range of communication services including VOIP, PBX and key systems, Wide Area and Local Area networking, computers, Computer integration, voice mail, CCIS, and video conferencing and paging systems. Our philosophy is simple, provide quality products at a fair price, backed by an average emergency response time of twenty minutes, and the best service in the industry. For more information on Midland Communications, call (563) 326-1237 or visit www.midlandcom.com.