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East Bay Regional Communications System Signs Agreement for 24/7 Network Operations Center Services with Aviat Networks

Multi-Year Agreement Enables EBRCS to Lower Network Management Costs and Maximize Uptime of its Mission-Critical Communications Network

SANTA CLARA, Calif., June 26, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Aviat Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVNW), a leading expert in microwave networking solutions, today announced a multi-year agreement with the East Bay Regional Communications System (EBRCS) to provide mission-critical 24/7 remote monitoring for its public safety network through Aviat Networks' Network Operations Centers (NOCs). Aviat Networks will remotely monitor and manage EBRCS radio sites that unify first responder communications throughout Alameda and Contra Costa counties around the clock from its primary NOC in Texas. A backup NOC in Silicon Valley will provide disaster recovery services for this emergency communications system (EMS). Geographically diverse NOC locations assure that any localized natural disasters will not affect management or security of this vital public infrastructure.

The operator trusts its partner's AviatCare Managed Services to provide for proactive monitoring of the EBRCS network and to completely control its EMS. In addition, it ensures full technical support of the equipment and system capabilities. This mission-critical radio network will support more than 12,000 EMS users throughout the East Bay counties of Alameda and Contra Costa. Their P25 voice communications will be handled in real time with minimized latency, and public safety data communications will be transported by this crucial system, which will serve as the backbone for EMS users throughout this region of California.

Specifically for EBRCS's emergency communications system, Aviat Networks, through its AviatCare NOC Managed Services, will allow the public safety network operator to:

- Lower network management costs—contracted NOC services from AviatCare reduce operating expenses 25 percent or more compared to in-house NOC services, result of economies of scale
- Improve network uptime—service interruptions are minimized with Aviat Networks proven management/escalation processes based on eTOM[1] compliant tools/processes executed by experienced NOC engineers—and in case of disaster, backup NOC ensures seamless operations

"By providing both primary and backup NOC services to the East Bay Regional Communications System, Aviat Networks manages its mission-critical network so that it does not fail—because it must not fail," says Tony Ljubicich, vice president of North America Sales and Services, Aviat Networks. "Our NOC Managed Services help EBRCS achieve its goal of making this regional emergency communications system network fully interoperable among its more than 30 member government agencies."

The EBRCS contract includes extending its existing microwave network with the Aviat Eclipse Packet Node microwave transmission platform and implementing Aviat's ProVision Network Management System (NMS), which will provide integrated monitoring and control of both the new Eclipse and existing microwave radio systems.

About Aviat Networks
Aviat Networks, Inc. (NASDAQ: AVNW) is a leading global provider of microwave networking solutions transforming communications networks to handle the exploding growth of IP-centric, multi-Gigabit data services. With more than 750,000 systems installed around the world, Aviat Networks provides LTE-proven microwave networking solutions to mobile operators, including some of the largest and most advanced 4G/LTE networks in the world. Public safety, utility, government and defense organizations also trust Aviat Networks' solutions for their mission-critical applications where reliability is paramount. In conjunction with its networking solutions, Aviat Networks provides a comprehensive suite of localized professional and support services enabling customers to effectively and seamlessly migrate to next generation Carrier Ethernet/IP networks. For more than 50 years, customers have relied on Aviat Networks' high performance and scalable solutions to help them maximize their investments and solve their most challenging network problems. Headquartered in Santa Clara, California, Aviat Networks operates in 46 countries around the world. For more information, visit www.aviatnetworks.com or connect with Aviat Networks on Twitter, Facebook and LinkedIn.

About East Bay Regional Communications System Authority
The East Bay Regional Communications System Authority (EBRCSA) was officially created on September 11, 2007, with the formation of a Joint Powers Authority (JPA). In California State Statue, a JPA is viewed as an independent governmental agency with the same powers that accrue to one of the member agencies. Currently there are 40 member agencies consisting of Alameda and Contra Costa counties, 30 cities, six special districts, the University of California and the California Department of Transportation serving a population of over 2.5 million people. The Board of Directors is made up of 23 representatives consisting of elected officials, police chiefs, fire chiefs and city managers who will be responsible for the overall development, operations and funding of the system.

Representatives from both counties have been working together for over six years using Homeland Security grants funds from the Bay Area Security Initiative (UASI), State Homeland Security (SHSGP) grant programs and COPS grant funds to fund infrastructure build out while the JPA formation process moved forward. CTA Communications completed a detailed system design and operational cost model, the system is estimated to cost approximately $70 million. To date, the EBRCSA has secured close to $51 million in Federal Homeland Security grants to build out the infrastructure.

[1]eTOM is an important component of TM Forum Frameworx, a set of telecom industry standards for efficient, clear and effective business processes critical to delivering innovative services quickly.

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