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Azure Wireless Implements Point-to-Point Wireless Solution for University of Detroit Mercy

Wireless solution links University of Detroit Mercy campuses and connects university to education and research network provider, Merit Network.

ROCHESTER HILLS, Michigan – February 4, 2005 – Azure Wireless, in cooperation with Merit Network, has implemented a point-to-point wireless connectivity solution linking the University of Detroit Mercy to UDM’s education and research network provider, Merit Network. The five mile link between UDM and Merit’s backbone site at Wayne State University provides 45 Mbps full duplex primary connectivity for the UDM campus. Another link between UDM’s Outer Drive and McNichols campuses provides network connectivity between the campuses and extends access to the Merit network.

“When the University of Detroit Mercy began investigating increasing its bandwidth to the Internet, we soon began to realize that the cost of leased circuits to support the access would also increase. The wireless solution allowed us to realize this increase in bandwidth while eliminating leased circuit costs. Azure’s expertise in providing wireless networking solutions has helped the university increase its access to information and continue establishing itself as a premier private university,” said Dina DuBuis, Director, Information Technology Services at UDM.

The use of the secure and reliable wireless technology to provide these connections allows the university to eliminate leased circuit costs on an ongoing basis. UDM was thus able to double its bandwidth to the Merit network and still recover the investment in the wireless link in one year through leased circuit cost reductions.

“The university is pulling twice as much network traffic into their campus on a daily basis while reducing their access costs. The wireless technology is working well, as promised. We could not have accomplished this service upgrade without the diligence and wireless integration expertise of Azure,” said Michael J. Mosher, Program Manager, MichNet Engineering and Technical Support, Merit Network, Inc.

“We are pleased to have helped UDM increase its Internet capacity through providing a cost-effective means of connectivity between its campus and the Merit network. By electing to choose our solution, UDM has also ensured the highest levels of service with the five year onsite, 24x7 support included with solution. Enterprises and organizations are increasingly adopting wireless solutions like these to increase bandwidth and eliminate leased circuit costs between locations,” said John Polakowski, president of Azure Wireless.

Fixed wireless solutions provide enterprises with connectivity between locations and to remote sites. A cost-effective way of reducing operating costs, fixed wireless solutions are also an excellent solution for the need for increased capacity, redundant connections and connectivity to locations where previously unavailable or impractical. Speeds of up to a Gigabit per second can be realized with fixed wireless solutions.

About Azure Wireless

Azure Wireless provides its clients and channel partners with innovative mobile computing and wireless networking solutions that produce productivity increases, efficiency gains and operating expense reductions through untethered connectivity. For more information, please visit <http://www.azuresol.com> or call 248-651-8210.

About Merit Network, Inc.

Merit Network, Inc. (Merit), a non-profit corporation governed by Michigan’s public universities, owns and operates America’s longest-running regional research and education network. Founded in 1966, Merit supports the high-performance networking needs of Michigan’s universities, colleges, K-12 schools, libraries, state government, healthcare, and other non-profit organizations. Through Merit, Michigan’s research and education organizations have access to leading-edge network research, state and national collaborative initiatives, and international peering. For more information about Merit, see <http://www.merit.edu>.

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