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## Azure Wireless Announces Orders for Universal Wireless Gateway

**Devices will be used to connect manufacturing control systems to Wi-Fi networks, leveraging Wi-Fi Network investments and simplifying communications infrastructure requirements**

ROCHESTER HILLS, Michigan – February 27, 2005 – Azure Wireless announces that it has received orders from five automation and materials handling OEMs and control systems integrators for its Universal Wireless Gateway. Under the contracts, the Gateway will be used to provide communications over Wi-Fi wireless networks for flexible manufacturing control systems and automated guided vehicles.

Providing standards-based wireless network connectivity at rates as high as 54 Mbps, the Gateway extends Wi-Fi wireless network connectivity to Ethernet devices that are not equipped with wireless network client adapters and serial-to-wireless Ethernet conversion for legacy serial devices, such as Programmable logic controllers, serial terminals, data collection devices, printers, plotters, surveillance cameras, control panels and human machine interfaces. The Gateway allows enterprises to leverage wireless network investments and benefit from the flexibility of wireless networking with devices and equipment that were previously excluded from incorporation into the wireless network.

The Gateway is a unique multi-mode 802.11 a, b and g wireless client device that includes integrated serial and Ethernet interfaces, a broad range of network security options, fast roaming capability and diversity antenna systems for enhanced performance in environments where wireless network coverage is challenged by mobile clients and such factors as signal reflection and changing facility layout and contents.

Supporting all three 802.11 wireless standards for comprehensive coverage, investment protection and compatibility, the Gateway allows enterprises to segregate client connections to specific wireless networks and is capable of supporting 16 network devices when paired with a hub or switch. The Gateway also provides the highest level of wireless network security, supporting WPA, WPA2 and WEP for legacy networks and maintains wireless network security with unintelligent devices that are incapable of supporting client security software. Web browser and SNMP support enables remote management and integration of the Gateway with enterprise management tools.

“We are pleased to have gained acceptance of the Gateway from these customers. The Gateway is a versatile device that provides an excellent reference design for enterprises looking to leverage their wireless network investment or enhance their product with a flexible wireless connectivity option. Since it provides connections to 802.11 a, b and g wireless networks, will connect to both serial and Ethernet devices, provides fast roaming and offers a variety of wireless network security options, the Gateway is unmatched when it comes to providing a means of flexible and obsolescence-free Wi-Fi connectivity,” said John Polakowski, president of Azure Wireless.

### About Azure Wireless

Azure Wireless provides its clients and channel partners with innovative mobile computing, wireless networking and control systems solutions and integration 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.

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