

PacStar Announces New Unified Communications Solutions Based on Cisco Technology to Help Military Achieve “Everything over IP” Mission

Washington D.C. (March 31, 2008)—PacStar™, a technology-based provider of communications solutions to the military and government, today announced the availability of the PacStar™ 6000 series of Unified Communications (UC) Enterprise and Deployable solutions for the military. The new products are designed to deliver IP-based voice, video and data communications to U.S. forces around the world.

Under new specifications for military networks, the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) has mandated this shift to fully IP-capable solutions. PacStar is introducing its new solutions to meet these specifications. The products are the result of a collaborative development between Cisco and PacStar that enhances Cisco’s Unified Communications products in US Military markets. Among other key capabilities, the product set allows users to connect directly to the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN), eliminating the cumbersome two-step analog to IP networks process.

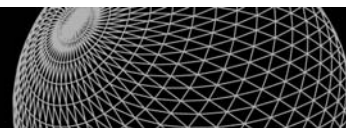
“The mandate that the military move to Everything over IP (EoIP) is helping to modernize today’s battlefield and provides our warfighters with unparalleled access to information in real time, over almost any type of device,” said Robert Frisbee, CEO of PacStar. “These new PacStar systems deliver these applications with the flexibility and reliability required by the OSD. Only the PacStar 6000 products can deliver an IP-based solution that is easy to use, fully deployable and backed by reliable unified communications solutions from Cisco.”

The PacStar 6000 series maximizes situational awareness and ease of use, as well as offers a smaller footprint and ruggedization to survive any theater environment. It delivers messaging, video conferencing, data, and scheduling suites in addition to IP telephony. The system allows the military to swap modules in the field to upgrade from a deployable small-scale UC footprint to a full Small End Office (SMEO) base-level solution that can support thousands of users at any time. This ability to scale will save time and money for rapidly-changing field environments.

The PacStar 6000 series is based on Cisco Unified Communications systems that have been enhanced with PacStar’s patented IQ-Core™ Software. This system management software package provides a unified, easy to use interface that automates and simplifies routine, time-consuming, and difficult tasks. Recent third party tests have shown at least a 500% improvement in set up time and error reduction by teams using IQ-Core software. This can save money, save time and save lives in the difficult environments of PacStar clients.

To improve reliability, cooling and accessibility, the PacStar 6000 series products are housed in PacStar’s IQ-Core™ Case. The ruggedized case housing and tray structure are designed to meet Military Standard 810F requirements for transportation, vibration, shock, and temperature. The case goes well beyond static Or “dumb” ruggedized cases, providing an easy to use and understand interface that includes embedded microcontrollers that monitor internal temperatures, allow remote presence (AC power reset, console port access), offer visual and auditory alerts, and provide a simplified menu system for common operations.

“Cisco’s solutions help customers connect, communicate and collaborate more effectively via voice, video and data,” said Bruce Klein, federal area vice president at Cisco. “Combining our



comprehensive and secure networking platform with PacStar's battle-tested IQ-Core Software and IQ-Core Case gives the military proven reliability that can be quickly and easily deployed, managed and maintained, even by minimally trained personnel."

Meeting Department of Defense and Congressional Mandates

In 2003, legislation passed by Congress requires US Defense Networks to transition to Internet Protocol¹, and more recently the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) mandated that systems connecting directly into the Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) be entirely IP-based². The PacStar 6000 Unified Communications solutions based on certified Cisco networking and unified communications is the only fully IP-based solution that meets these government requirements from deployable kits to small enterprise military installations.

PacStar's Unified Communications Solutions for the Military

PacStar™ 6300 Deployable UC Exchange and PacStar 6350 UC Extender

The PacStar™ 6300 Advanced Deployable UC (Unified Communications) Exchange is a full-featured, IP-based, deployable, tandem switch and PBX. The PacStar 6300 is designed to meet the stringent DISA requirements to provide voice/communications services through the DISN, and provides IP-converged services based on the Cisco UC platform. Designed for deployed operations, and managed through the PacStar IQ-Core™ Software, the PacStar 6300 brings the power of IP communications to the warfighter, yet requires reduced training and operations support services.

The PacStar 6350 UC (Unified Communications) Extender increases the trunking and tandem functions of the 6300 and adds Cisco's Unified MeetingPlace Express. It connects seamlessly with any 6300, which in turn connects seamlessly with both IP and telephone style voice networks. The product line has both US (6350-US) and Global (6350-GL) standards-based models. The units are delivered with IQ-Core™ Case technology which provides ruggedization, remote management, and environmental conditioning. For more information on the PacStar 6300 and PacStar 6350, please visit

http://www.pacstar.com/pgs/unified_communications.html.

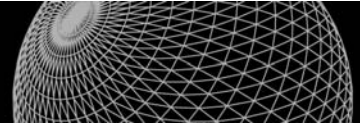
PacStar™ 6800 Enterprise UC Exchange

The PacStar™ 6800 Enterprise UC (Unified Communications) Exchange is a full-featured, IP-based, high-reliability, tandem switch and PBX for military base infrastructure. The PacStar 6800 is a rack-mounted UC solution designed to meet the stringent DISA requirements to provide voice/communications services through the DISN, and provides Everything over IP-converged services based on the Cisco UC platform. For the first time it makes the advanced Cisco-based "Everything Over IP" available to US Military customers.

Intended for military enterprise infrastructure, and managed through the PacStar IQ-Core™ Software, the PacStar 6800 brings the power of IP communications to the military enterprise, yet requires reduced training and maintenance support services. For more information on the PacStar 6800, please visit http://www.pacstar.com/pgs/unified_communications.html.

¹ Congress passed Public Law 107-314 / House Resolution 4546: National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY03. House Report 107-436 on H.R. 4546.

² ASD(NII)/DoD CIO DoD Instruction Number 8100.3, dated 16 Jan 2004, implements the Public Law.



Pricing and Availability

The PacStar 6300, 6350 and 6800 are available today. For more information on pricing or to set up a demonstration, contact PacStar at 888-872-1512.

About PacStar

Pacific Star Communications (PacStar™) is a leading technology-based systems integrator providing total communications solutions that empower military, federal, state and local governments, and emergency responders with reliable, interoperable communications capabilities. Our patent-pending IQ-Core™ software and hardware technology and integration/installation services provide secure, command control and communications systems for any environment. In addition, PacStar provides a full range of communications solutions to commercial businesses, as well as telecommunications service providers.

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