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Congratulations, Applied Microsystems!

ACS Account Executive Janet Furr with Ross Toole, President of Applied Microsystems

Applied Microsystems, Inc. of Anchorage is the winner of the ACS Big Idea Contest, which rewarded the company that best outlined its plan for using ACS high-speed, high-capacity bandwidth to transform and grow its business with free bandwidth for five years. The panel of judges, consisting of local technology and business leaders, chose the winner from the pool of entries that were submitted throughout the month of April.

"The contest was developed to celebrate the launch of our big idea - the new Alaska-Oregon Network, or AKORN, submarine cable," said Anand Vadapalli, ACS executive vice president of technology and operations. "AKORN brings massive new bandwidth capability to Alaska – 2.6 terabits/second, effectively tripling the bandwidth to the state," said Vadapalli.

Ross Toole, president of the winning company Applied Microsystems, Inc. was thrilled to receive the news that his company won the contest and will be receiving free bandwidth from ACS.

"With the new AKORN cable, we'll be better able to serve our larger clients and make services affordable to smaller organizations. The free bandwidth will allow us to significantly grow our business. With this type of connectivity, and the right idea, we can compete on a national rather than regional level. The possibilities are limitless," said Toole.

Thank you for all the great entries received in the ACS Big Idea Contest. Remember, all companies that submitted an entry are eligible for two months free of new on-net MPLS with Enhanced Metro Ethernet, Dedicated Internet access, Remote Data Hosting and Network Management Services, contracted between April 3 and June 30, 2009.

Tough on your phone?

ACS now offers the G-zOne Boulder. With Rugged construction and water and shock resistance, this phone was made to withstand the extreme elements of Alaska. Perfect for people who work or play outdoors, or anyone who is just tough on phones.

All the cool technology (like the electronic compass and 1.3 megapixel camera and camcorder) is nestled in a protective bed of silicon rubber and surrounded on the outside by a sturdy frame of reinforced plastic coated with polyurethane.

Water damage is one of the most common issues with cell phones, and not covered by most warranties and insurance programs. The G-z One Boulder is one of the first cell phones able to withstand blowing rain and high humidity, and it can even stay underwater up to 30 minutes at a depth of 1 meter with the ports closed.

The Boulder was military certified to withstand the elements. It passed the following military tests:

- Drop Test
- Vibration Test
- Water Resistance Test
- Humidity Test
- Dust Resistance Test
- Solar Radiation Test
- Salt Fog Test
- Immersion Test

This phone is available in Alaska EXCLUSIVELY at ACS. No other carrier in Alaska will offer the Boulder, and right now through May 31st, they're priced at just $99.99. But they're flying out the door, so this offer is only available while supplies last.

ACS isn't just in Alaska anymore

Keeping Alaska connected is what ACS does. That's why ACS invested in diverse fiber routes, Remote Data Hosting, and dual Network Operation Control Centers to deliver reliable and secure connectivity. To provide this level of service, ACS has facilities not just in Alaska but across the country.

ACS provides diverse submarine routes from Alaska with separate ACS landing sites in Florence and Nedonna Beach along the Oregon coast. In addition to serving ACS AKORN and Northstar cables, these landing sites are used by other trans-Pacific cables such as the Southern Cross cable from Australia and have room for more. Traffic then has diverse paths to connect to ACS peering points in Seattle and Portland. In Seattle and Portland, ACS has meet-me connectivity and co-location facilities in the Westin and Pittock buildings, respectively. These "carrier hotels" allow for easy interconnection to most global carriers. ACS fiber can be used by other carrier and commercial customers to allow them to easily connect to these major network nodes, or have traffic requirements in the Pacific Northwest.

ACS offers secure Remote Data Hosting in Hillsboro, Oregon. ACS is the only Alaska carrier with out-of-state data storage to mirror its local data center. No matter what happens in Alaska, ACS is positioned to keep organizations' data safe to meet government compliance regulations or recover from a disaster. The state-of-the-art facility is situated among other high-tech companies in the Silicon Forest, northwest Oregon's enclave of technology industry pioneers and spin-offs. The strong presence of ACS in the Pacific Northwest not only benefits Alaska, but opens up new opportunities up and down the coast.

ACS offers network management services from Network Operation Control Centers (NOCC) in Anchorage and in the Research Triangle Park (RTP), near Raleigh, North Carolina. Like the Silicon Forest, RTP is a globally prominent high-technology research and development center. Clients in the RTP NOCC leverage the latest in monitoring technology and the two locations are integrated to coordinate operations as if in the same building. ACS is the only Alaska carrier with mirrored network control centers in the Lower 48. In this new model of network management, ACS joins carriers from the US, Mexico, Great Britain, and India.