WFI Wins InfoWorld 100 Award Using ClearMesh Networks Wireless Optical Mesh Technology

WFI is Honored for Deploying One of the Most Innovative IT Projects of 2006

PASADENA, Calif., Nov 15, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- ClearMesh Networks today announced that Wireless Facilities, Inc. (WFI) (NASDAQ:WFII), the largest independent RF network and wireless engineering company, has been named winner of the 2006 InfoWorld 100 Project of the Year award. WFI was recognized for using ClearMesh Networks' Metro Grid(TM) to create a resilient wireless optical mesh network that has the capacity and reliability to support video surveillance, point-of-sale (POS) and Wi-Fi hotspot backhaul over a single converged network. This solution was deployed at the state-of-the-art Westfield UTC outdoor mall in San Diego which boasts 155 shops, a cinema, 25 restaurants, and an ice-skating rink.

"It's been said that fortune favors the bold. The inspiration for this year's finalists to tackle such sweeping changes varies widely -- from reducing delivery time of products and services to replacing cumbersome legacy systems," said Richard Gincel, InfoWorld Senior Editor. "But regardless of the motivation, high ambition unites them all."

WFI's challenge was to provide the Westfield UTC mall with a cost-effective, network that was scalable enough to aggregate large amounts of video traffic, while maintaining business-grade Ethernet communication services for mission-critical transaction applications. When both costs and aesthetic issues eliminated fiber for this application, WFI selected ClearMesh Networks' high capacity, wireless optical mesh solution. It was the best wireless solution that combined fiber-grade service quality and capacity with integrated mesh switching capability.

"We are pleased to receive the InfoWorld 100 Award for use of the ClearMesh Metro Grid," said Desmond Wheatley, president of WFI's Enterprise Services Division. "The ClearMesh solution enabled us to quickly and cost-effectively provide our customer with the business-class Ethernet services they need for their mission-critical applications. Our customer has been pleased with 100% network uptime, since installation almost a year ago."

With the ClearMesh solution, WFI built a fully converged wireless mesh infrastructure across the mall, which allowed them to offer a variety of value added services to retail tenants. The ClearMesh Metro Grid deployment consists of ClearMesh 300 nodes roof-mounted on designated buildings in the mall. This integrated networking platform combines high-capacity Ethernet switching, and low-cost wireless optical transport with business-grade Ethernet service delivery interfaces. Using secure optical transmission, the CM 300 distributes up to 300 Mbps of wire-speed, ultra-low latency, and full-duplex service capacity.

"As a leader in deploying wireless solutions, WFI understands the importance of providing business customers with a reliable service that can grow to meet their needs," said Suresh Nihalani, president and CEO of ClearMesh Networks. "We are very proud that WFI has been recognized by InfoWorld for its fiber-grade wireless network deployment based on the ClearMesh Metro Grid."

"Our partnership with ClearMesh is another example of how WFI is aligning with best-of-breed technology products and services companies who can offer our customers unique, leading-edge solutions," added Eric DeMarco, president and CEO of WFI.

The winning projects are chosen for innovation and scope by InfoWorld editors from hundreds of nominations submitted by readers, technology partners and end-user customers. For more information on the InfoWorld 100 awards, please visit the following website: http://www.infoworld.com/reports/46SR06iw100.html

About WFI

Headquartered in San Diego, CA, WFI is an independent provider of systems engineering, network services and technical outsourcing for the world's largest wireless carriers, enterprise customers and for government agencies. The company provides the design, deployment, integration, and the overall management of wired and wireless networks which deliver voice and data communication, and which support advanced security systems. WFI has performed work in over 100 countries since its founding in 1994. News and information are available at http://www.wfinet.com. (code: WFI-mb)

About ClearMesh Networks

ClearMesh is the only worldwide producer of next-generation, wireless optical mesh networking equipment, enabling service providers and system integrators to target broader metropolitan business markets. The Metro Grid enables WISPs and system integrators to build reliable and cost-effective fiber-grade access networks for dense business corridors, municipal infrastructure and security surveillance applications. With ClearMesh, service providers and integrators can deliver 5-100 Mbps of Ethernet connectivity with a license-free and interference-free wireless mesh solution. For more information, please visit www.clearmesh.com.

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