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## **Nortel Government Solutions Selected by NRC to Operate, Maintain Digital Courtrooms** ***US\$7.7 Million Agreement Includes Support for Hearings, Application Enhancements***

WASHINGTON – Nortel Government Solutions\*, a U.S. company wholly owned by Nortel\* [NYSE/TSX: NT], has been selected by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to operate and maintain the NRC's digital courtroom systems in Rockville, Maryland and Las Vegas, Nevada.

Nortel Government Solutions will provide these services under an agreement estimated at US\$7.7 million over four years. The agreement also includes support for NRC hearings, as well as application development and testing.

The systems were developed by Nortel Government Solutions and delivered to the NRC earlier this year. They provide electronic evidence presentation, digital audio and video transcripts, and electronic capture and display of evidence. This enables immediate electronic access to documents, and live video and audio feeds to ensure the widest possible public access to NRC proceedings.

The digital courtroom systems are designed to help the NRC's Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Panel simplify proceedings ranging from routine cases to more complicated hearings involving nuclear reactor licenses.

One such proceeding is the potential adjudication regarding a U.S. Department of Energy license application for a commercial nuclear reactor waste storage facility at Nevada's Yucca Mountain, located 100 miles northwest of Las Vegas. Expected to last three to four years as mandated by Congress, this could become one of the largest and most complex administrative hearings in U.S. history. The digital database available to these two courtrooms is capable of storing and providing electronic access to the millions of pages of evidence and thousands of hours of testimony that may accumulate.

"These showcase systems integrate everything into one multimedia system with real-time access to information for all participants," said Chuck Saffell, chief executive officer, Nortel Government Solutions. "Our operations and maintenance services will help the NRC to achieve and sustain the highest performance, efficiency, security and reliability from its electronic courtrooms."

Nortel Government Solutions is the prime contractor for operation and maintenance of the NRC digital courtrooms, with mediaEdge, Levare, and ExhibitOne providing hardware, software and integration services. mediaEdge, a division of Exceptional Software Strategies, focuses on the rapidly evolving Internet multimedia market. Levare is a software solutions provider and maker of court calendaring and scheduling software. ExhibitOne is the nation's leading provider of audiovisual technologies, serving clients around the country in federal, state and enterprise markets.

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Nortel Government Solutions is a network-centric integrator, providing the services expertise, mission-critical systems and secure communications that empower government to ensure the security, livelihood, and well being of its citizens. Headquartered in Fairfax, Va., Nortel Government Solutions offers a one-stop shop for solutions designed to improve workforce productivity, reduce operating costs, and streamline inter-agency

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