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**NEC CORPORATION OF AMERICA OFFICIALLY OPENS CALL-FOR-ENTRIES FOR THE 'EMPOWERED BY TELECOMMUNICATIONS' AWARD**

**HERNDON, VA, November 10, 2008** – NEC Corporation of America, Inc. (NEC), a premier provider of IT and network solutions, announced today the official Call-for-Entries for its new awards program – the '*Empowered by Telecommunications*' award. This award program is geared toward highlighting significant achievements within the U.S. telecommunications community, and is open to all United States Telecom Association (USTelecom) carrier member organizations.

In its inaugural year, the '*Empowered by Telecommunications*' award seeks to recognize outstanding network deployments and chief achievements across USTelecom's membership. The award will highlight successes in three categories, including: business-value, technical-achievement and overall-market success.

"NEC and USTelecom are searching for the carriers and service providers that have displayed vision, leadership and significant technical advancements of their next-generation communications network," said Boris Sinkovec, general manager, Sales and Marketing, Network Systems Group, NEC Corporation of America. "We look forward to showcasing the organizations that have demonstrated a true commitment to deploying networks that leverage high-quality and research and development to support end-users' future communications needs."

Award winners will receive a US\$10,000.00 donation made by NEC Corporation of America to an approved educational institution of the award winner's choice, within their service area.

The official '*Empowered by Telecommunications*' award Call-for-Entries opens today, Monday, November 10, 2008, at 9:00am Eastern Time and will close at 11:59pm Eastern Time on Friday, April 10, 2009. The judging panel will consist of third party industry media and analyst participants, and are not affiliated with NEC. There is no application fee to submit.

For official rules and submission criteria, please visit: [www.necam.com/carriers/award](http://www.necam.com/carriers/award).

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