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INTEGRA TELECOM SELECTS PALO ALTO NETWORKS AS PLATFORM FOR DELIVERY OF NEXT-GENERATION CLOUD FIREWALL SERVICES

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 25, 2011 – [Integra Telecom Inc.](http://www.integratelecom.com), a provider of business grade networking, communications, and cloud solutions, has selected Palo Alto Networks and its enterprise-class firewall as the platform for Integra's planned Cloud Firewall Service product offering.

"Network attacks are growing at an alarming rate so security is a top priority for businesses moving to the cloud. We plan to provide all of our customers with the highest security possible through our partnership with industry-leading Palo Alto Networks," said Craig Heidgerken, vice president of engineering at Integra Telecom.

Through Palo Alto Networks next-generation firewalls, Integra will rollout Cloud Firewall Services complete with application visibility and control, URL filtering, Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS) and Intrusion Detection and Prevention Systems (IDPS), anti-virus, anti-spyware and file/data content filtering.

Integra will incorporate the firewall service as a core infrastructure component throughout its fiber network, making Palo Alto Networks' enterprise-class network security protection available to customers of all sizes.

"We continue to see more and more of our customers – small, mid-sized, and enterprise – moving their security to the cloud," said Steve Zimba, chief marketing officer at Integra. "As their need to support remote workers grows, and as their IT infrastructure and applications move to the cloud, it's imperative we offer world-class platforms to keep their operations running smoothly and securely."

Palo Alto Networks' next-generation firewalls enable enterprises to identify and control applications and content—not just ports, IP addresses, and packets like traditional firewalls. By providing more granular control and in-depth protection down to the level of individual applications, enterprise organizations are able to detect more sophisticated current and emerging cyber threats targeting their critical business systems.

"Through this partnership, Integra can uniquely provide its business customers with protection from our award-winning PA-5000 Series Firewalls," said Punit Minocha, vice president of business and corporate development at Palo Alto Networks. "Integra is making the industry's most advanced enterprise network security technology available to customers of all sizes."

Integra will roll out additional information on their Cloud Security Services product and overall strategy at IT EXPO in September.

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About Palo Alto Networks

Palo Alto Networks™ is the network security company. Its next-generation firewalls enable unprecedented visibility and granular policy control of applications and content – by user, not just IP address – at up to 20Gbps with no performance degradation. Based on patent-pending App-ID™ technology, Palo Alto Networks firewalls accurately identify and control applications – regardless of port, protocol, evasive tactic or SSL encryption – and scan content to stop threats and prevent data leakage. Enterprises can for the first time embrace Web 2.0 and maintain complete visibility and control, while significantly reducing total cost of ownership through device consolidation. Most recently, Palo Alto Networks has enabled enterprises to extend this same network security to remote users with the release of GlobalProtect™. For more information, visit www.paloaltonetworks.com.

About Integra Telecom

Integra Telecom Inc. connects business by providing enterprise grade networking, communications and cloud solutions to thousands of business and carrier customers in 11 Western states, including: Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, Utah and Washington. The company owns and operates a nationally acclaimed, best-in-class fiber-optic network consisting of a 5,000-mile high-speed long-haul fiber network and a 3,000-mile metropolitan access network including more than 1,600 fiber-fed buildings. The company has earned some of the highest customer loyalty and customer satisfaction ratings in the telecommunications industry. Integra Telecom is a registered trademark of Integra Telecom Inc. For more information, visit www.integratelecom.com.

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