



VIENNA, Va., Nov. 7 /PRNewswire/ -- MobileAccess Networks, an enterprise wireless innovator, today announced that Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago is the recipient of the 2006 Mobile Impact(TM) Award in the Mobile Office category. The Mobile Impact Awards are presented by the Mobile Enterprise Alliance (MEA), a global advocacy group promoting the business benefits of workforce mobility to enterprise end users and decision makers. The prestigious awards honor leading enterprises for successful and innovative deployments of mobile enterprise solutions that successfully balance technology investments with business objectives. The six winners were announced at the Yankee Group Mobilizing the Enterprise Summit in Boston.

As one of the country's premier academic medical centers, Northwestern Memorial is constantly looking to embrace technology that will help them deliver high-value care for their patients. Part of this effort involves the adoption of new wireless technologies, which are becoming an increasingly fundamental part of facilitating healthcare decision making, quality care and patient safety. Critical to this adoption was the proper infrastructure to carry and manage a broad array of wireless services, applications and devices.

After a thorough evaluation, Northwestern Memorial deployed the MobileAccess Universal Wireless Network to provide comprehensive wireless connectivity throughout its Chicago campus and meet the challenges of supporting the mobility of their caregivers. With MobileAccess' award-winning solution, Northwestern Memorial is able to provide a common network that extends across multiple campus buildings and supports all wireless service requirements -- including computerized physician order entry (CPOE), public cellular services, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and nurse-call systems.

Leveraging the MobileAccess Universal Wireless Network, caregivers are able to quickly and securely get the information they need from multiple points throughout the campus, and the hospital is able to ensure that next-generation services can be added without disruptions or costly upgrades. The result for Northwestern Memorial is improved healthcare decision making, quality care and patient safety, and the confidence of knowing that their network can handle a diverse array of current and emerging wireless applications and devices within the complex medical environment. "Northwestern Memorial Hospital demonstrates 'state of the art' for enterprise mobility in 2006 with an innovative mobile deployment that balances technology investments with business objectives," stated Daniel Taylor, managing director, MEA. "By bringing the power of seamless mobile computing to every corner of the hospital and everyone in it, Northwestern Memorial has dramatically improved communication, connectivity and productivity while delivering financial and operational cost savings," said Tim Zoph, vice president of information systems and chief information officer for Northwestern Memorial Hospital. "The result is a direct, positive impact on patient care that ensures Northwestern Memorial will continue to be on the leading edge of healthcare innovation."

"We are excited to be helping Northwestern Memorial pave the way for next-generation wireless healthcare," said Cathy Zatloukal, president and CEO of MobileAccess. "Northwestern Memorial is defining a new, innovative business model for healthcare organizations by ensuring reliable communications across the entire hospital campus. The result is a positive and direct affect on the day-to-day experience of patients, caregivers and administrators."