

## **NEC Australia Award Winner for its Mobile Access Controller**

**Melbourne, 8 July 2009** – NEC Australia has won the Victorian State “Communications Award” for its Mobile Access Controller (MAC) in the 2010 iAWARDS, Australia’s premier technology innovation awards program.

The MAC solution delivers a smart vehicle platform, allowing organisations with metropolitan and regional fleets to transmit voice and data over multiple networks such as 3G, private radio and satellite, providing continuous coverage regardless of individual network boundaries or black spots. It was designed to provide high reliability voice and data to field staff to meet their needs for safety and enable operational cost reduction through improved communication efficiency.

A number of organisations have already embraced the new technology, including the Victorian Sheriff’s Office, G4S and Telstra

NEC’s Assistant General Manager Tom Henry said the MAC was a world first in its ability to provide seamless voice and data communications regardless of the underlying network. The MAC’s Wi-Fi and Bluetooth interfaces extend the range beyond the vehicle to hand held devices.

Henry said: “MAC provides a standard user friendly interface regardless of the complexity of underlying networks. It enables fleet operators using many different networks to maintain constant communications without swapping handsets and terminals. No other product on the market today can seamlessly re-route data and voice communications over multiple channels.”

“We are very proud to receive the State Award for the MAC, which was locally developed at NEC’s R&D Centre in Melbourne. The iAward clearly demonstrates our ability to develop sophisticated and innovative solutions; we are really leading the market with our MAC technology.”

The award was presented by Jaala Pulford MP, Member for Western Victoria Region Parliamentary Secretary for Regional and Rural Development, Industry and Trade at an awards ceremony held in Melbourne last night.

The National phase of judging will now take place with the National iAward winners announced at a Gala Dinner to be held in Melbourne on 5 August 2010.

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