

March, 2006 - NetStar-1 Awarded \$10-million Project to Deploy Nationwide Voice-Over-IP Solution for a Major Retailer.

NetStar-1's Raleigh, North Carolina office has been awarded a contract to deploy an IP-telephony solution to a national retailer. The comprehensive program includes design, staging, deployment, and installation of more than 7000 IP phones to more than 1300 locations across the United States.

NetStar-1 will open an integration and staging facility close to the retailer's headquarters location, and will hire dedicated program management and technical staff to complete this first phase of what is projected to be a 4000-store communications upgrade.

NetStar-1 will also deploy store-based wireless access in approximately 10% of the stores, allowing the retailer to test new communications and connectivity technologies within their own retail environment.

In order to meet their client's aggressive deployment schedule, NetStar-1 will utilize its existing remote deployment service process, already in use under a contract to the US Government. The model takes advantage of independent technicians who are managed by NetStar-1's program management team located in Denver, CO. This model delivers qualified, trained engineers to customer sites in almost any location in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Web-based project tracking tools allow NetStar-1's management and client staff to track progress and measure performance throughout the contract's duration.

The retail-based project will begin in the late spring and is expected to be completed in early 2007. Phases 2 and 3 of the program will be finalized prior to the completion of the initial 1300-site deployment.