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Vernier's Scalable IS 6000 System Enables City to Deliver Free Wireless Internet Access in Downtown District

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., January 6, 2002— Vernier Networks, a developer of innovative systems and software to protect, manage, and enhance wireless networks today announced that Long Beach's downtown district has deployed its IS 6000 Integrated System™. The city, the nation's largest to deploy free wireless Internet access, is using the system to manage its access points and control wireless subscribers accessing its public wireless network. The wireless hot spot perimeter includes various restaurants, cafes, department stores and hotels.

"Our goal was to make it easy for unsophisticated wireless users to access the network in a public place without any hassle or confusion. Vernier Networks makes it seamless to the user which in turn makes it very user friendly," said Tom Paradise, IT consultant for the project. "We sent out a number of inquiries in search of just the right vendor to provide the appropriate access point management. The IS 6000 features delivered the necessary access control and wireless connectivity we wanted."

The Vernier Networks IS 6000 Integrated System integrates both access control and wireless connectivity and is designed for tactical WLAN deployments. The system ensures seamless roaming across all access points – even across subnets. The platform deploys, manages, and enforces security at the wireless network edge. In a single stand-alone device, the IS 6000 provides the functionality for wireless network configuration and management, and enforces network access policies.

"Long Beach city officials have tapped into the idea of convenient wireless Internet access for its business community and patrons of local shops and hotels," said Doug Klein, CEO at Vernier Networks. "By managing every access point, Vernier makes it possible for the city's mobile users to experience seamless wireless connectivity

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when accessing the Internet. The opportunity to play an integral role in the successful implementation of the city's wireless network was in fact quite remarkable."

A soft opening of the public wireless network has been available since November 15. Long Beach is the first city on the West coast to have an offering of free wireless Internet access. The city next project is to deploy a wireless hot-spot at Long Beach airport.

Long Beach Mayor Beverly O'neil will officially unveil the public WLAN at a grand opening event on Friday, January 10 at 10:00 AM. The festivities will include invited guests, Melanie Fallon, community development director, Chet Yoshizaki, manager of economic development bureau, City Council members and various local press representatives. Laptops and access to the WLAN will be available for attendees to demonstrate how it works.

For companies wanting more information about Vernier's IS 6000 System, please visit Vernier's Web site (<http://www.verniernetworks.com>) or contact Vernier at (650) 237-2200 or email at info@verniernetworks.com

About Vernier Networks

Founded in March 2001, Vernier Networks develops innovative systems and software to protect, manage, and enhance wireless networks. Vernier's user-aware, intelligent networking technology allows network managers to centralize wireless LAN usage policies, secure wireless network access at the edge, and deploy scalable wireless mobility across the enterprise. The Vernier Networks System won the Best of Show award at NetWorld+Interop Atlanta in October 2001, and the COMNET New Product Achievement Award for Wireless/Mobile in January 2002. A privately held company, Vernier Networks is the first spinout company of Packet Design, a technology development company founded by entrepreneurs Judy Estrin and Bill Carrico. For more information, visit the Vernier Networks web site at: www.verniernetworks.com.

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