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COMPTEL Concludes Successful Fall Show

Advance Exhibit Sales Strong for 2010 Events

ORLANDO – COMPTEL, the leading trade association for the competitive telecommunications industry, today wrapped up its COMPTEL *PLUS* Fall 2009 Convention & EXPO in Orlando, bringing together about 1,800 attendees and 115 exhibitors for valuable business opportunities, networking and education on trends impacting the industry.

"COMPTEL continued its two-decade long tradition of hosting events that attract top executives and key decisionmakers in the competitive telecommunications industry," said Jerry James, COMPTEL's CEO. "While this Fall's show's attendance was slightly impacted by the stagnant economy, the show floor was abuzz with new business opportunities and our attendees reported making high-quality leads that are vital to their continued success."

The COMPTEL *PLUS* Fall show featured a number of highlights, including a keynote address by Dan Hesse, CEO of Sprint Nextel, and educational sessions and workshop on business issues, technology trends and regulatory activities – including broadband stimulus funding and development of a national broadband plan. Attendees also took advantage of the COMPTEL *PLUS* Deal Center, where they could meet with current and prospective customers.

To see more coverage of the COMPTEL *PLUS* Fall 2009 Convention & EXPO, see the *COMPTEL Show Daily* at www.comptel.org.

2010 Events Starting Strong

Advance sales of exhibit space for COMPTEL's Spring and Fall 2010 conferences are starting strong. More than one-third of booths for both upcoming shows were reserved during the event in Orlando this week. The COMPTEL *PLUS* Spring 2010 Convention & EXPO will take place March 14-17 at the Gaylord Opryland in Nashville. The Fall 2010 show is scheduled for September 12-15 at the Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center in Dallas.

About COMPTEL *PLUS*

COMPTEL *PLUS* is the preeminent networking event for innovative communications companies. Held twice a year, these events provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about new products, services and industry trends, meet potential customers and do business. In addition to

exclusive exhibit hours, COMPTEL *PLUS* offers comprehensive educational programming and experienced industry speakers.

About COMPTEL

Based in Washington, D.C., COMPTEL is the leading industry association representing competitive communications service providers and their supplier partners. COMPTEL members are entrepreneurial companies driving technological innovation and creating economic growth through competitive voice, video, and data offerings and the development and deployment of next-generation, IP-based networks and services. COMPTEL advances its members' interests through trade shows, networking, education, and policy advocacy before Congress, the Federal Communications Commission and the courts. COMPTEL works to ensure that competitive communications providers can continue to offer lower prices, better service, and greater innovation to consumers. For more information, visit www.comptel.org.