



Aastra Expands Hosted PBX Solution for Internet2 Members

New Features Increase Mobility and Collaboration

Fall 2012 Internet2 Member Meeting, Philadelphia, PA – Oct. 2, 2012 - [Aastra](#), a leading company at the forefront of the enterprise communication market, is adding increased functionality to the Internet2 NET+ SIP Services offering. The offering, first announced at the Spring 2012 Internet2 Member meeting, includes [Hosted PBX Services](#) powered by Aastra Clearspan®.

At the Fall 2012 Internet2 Member Meeting, Aastra is introducing additional components for the Clearspan Hosted Solution, further expanding the value for education and research institutions. The additional features provide increased flexibility to make and receive calls anywhere, new audio and video conferencing tools for improved productivity, and an extended endpoint warranty for added peace-of-mind:

- Clearspan Communicator™ is a unified communications client for the PC, MAC, iPad, iPhone and Android platforms. Clearspan Communicator can be used to make and receive both voice and video calls as well as to initiate call control features. Clearspan Communicator integrates with the enterprise directory and personal contacts, includes call logs and can be used to manage features such as Clearspan Anywhere™.
- Aastra OnDemand™ Web Collaboration is a feature-rich web and video conferencing tool for hosting online meetings, webinars and training. Aastra OnDemand provides users with the ability to meet and collaborate online including voice and video conferencing, sharing documents and applications, interactive whiteboarding, group or private chat, polling and much more.
- Meet-Me Conferencing provides users with an audio conferencing service supporting both scheduled and reservation-less conferences. It is a full featured platform including abilities to mute/unmute participants, lock/unlock the conference, dial out to participants, and record conferences. It also includes a web-based moderator client as well as integration with Microsoft® Outlook™ for notifications to participants.

- While all Aastra SIP phones come with a one year warranty, institutions can optionally purchase an enhanced warranty to extend the total warranty period to 3 or 5 years. The enhanced warranties include advanced replacement of failed units.

Dr. Walt Magnussen, Director of Telecommunications for Texas A&M University and Co-Director for the Texas A&M Internet2 Technology Evaluation Center (ITEC), commented, “To me, the largest value of the Internet2 organization has always been the sense of community in which information and processes are shared. This allows the community to work together to make available revolutionary capabilities such as the NET+ SIP Services that institutions likely couldn’t access on their own, particularly when facing a lack of capital funding. And since the SIP Services solution is based 100% on industry standards, subscribers can benefit from additional functionality like these new features and any future applications.”

“For over 30 years we have delivered voice communications solutions to Higher Ed institutions, and have developed a deep understanding of the unique needs of this marketplace,” stated Tim Whittington, Aastra Regional President, North America. “Aastra constantly strives to add value to our product offerings through our focus on innovation and quality, as these new product offerings demonstrate. We will continue to assess ways to improve the solution.”

For a demonstration of the Clearspan Hosted PBX solution including these new features, visit Booth #106 in the Liberty Ballroom C/D at the Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel, October 1-3. For additional information visit www.internet2.edu/sip.

About Aastra USA

Aastra USA Inc. is the US business unit of Aastra Technologies Limited (TSX:AAH), a company at the forefront of the enterprise communication market. Headquartered in Concord, Ontario, Canada, Aastra develops and delivers innovative communications products and applications for businesses. Aastra’s operations are truly global with more than 50 million installed lines around the world and a direct and indirect presence in more than 100 countries. Aastra is entirely dedicated to enterprise communications and offers IP telephony and Unified Communications solutions individually tailored to satisfy its customers’ requirements. These range from feature-rich call managers for small and medium businesses and highly scalable ones for large enterprises, associated UC applications, integrated mobility, multimedia call center solutions and high definition video communications to a wide selection of desk phones and cordless terminals. With a strong focus on open standards, Aastra enables enterprises to communicate and collaborate more efficiently. For additional information on Aastra, visit our website at www.aastrausa.com.

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