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Durham Public Schools Selects tw telecom to Deliver Advanced Voice and Data Services for District's New Data Center; 58 Schools

*- Multi-year contract includes **tw telecom's** VersiPak service, which gives DPS unprecedented efficiency in meeting its voice, Internet and long-distance needs*

DURHAM, N.C. – August 7, 2009 – **tw telecom** (NASDAQ: TWTC), a leading national provider of managed voice, Internet and data networking solutions for businesses, today announced that Durham (N.C.) Public Schools has selected it to provide advanced voice and data services to the district and its 58 schools and office buildings. As part of the agreement, **tw telecom** will provide a direct fiber connection from **tw telecom's** national IP network to DPS's new centralized data center.

"Our decision to select **tw telecom** was a relatively simple one," said Mike Muirhead, Information Technology Executive Director at Durham Public Schools. "**tw telecom** provides the highly reliable and affordable communications services that our schools need. And, just as important, **tw telecom** provides a level of flexibility and responsiveness that allows them to meet all of our unique service and billing needs."

In addition to the direct fiber connection to its new data center, DPS is using **tw telecom's** VersiPak service, a tailor-made package of voice, Internet and long-distance. VersiPak offers unprecedented efficiency by allowing customers to share bandwidth for voice and data services, and then dynamically allocating voice bandwidth over to data services when voice channels are not being used. **tw telecom** also is installing PRIs to the district's data center, which will supply all the dial-tone for the district.

"Durham Public Schools has been a leader in giving students real choices as they pursue the career paths that most interest them," said Marilyn Finrock, vice president and general manager for **tw telecom** in Raleigh/Durham. "We're pleased that the voice and data services we are providing will help maintain that momentum by keeping educators, administrators and students connected with their community in the most reliable, efficient and affordable way possible."

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tw telecom connects more commercial buildings to its fiber network than any other competitive communications provider, only exceeded by the large global incumbents. In fact, it has the third highest market share of retail Ethernet ports in service. With its own national fiber network and IP backbone, **tw telecom** has the national capability, robust product portfolio and national/local customer care teams to support mission critical enterprise applications and to deliver the industry's most sought after customer experience.

About tw telecom

tw telecom holdings inc., a unit of **tw telecom inc.**, headquartered in Littleton, Colo., provides managed network services, specializing in Ethernet and transport data networking, Internet access, local and long distance voice, VoIP, VPN and security, to enterprise organizations and communications services companies throughout the U.S. As a leading provider of integrated and converged network solutions, tw telecom delivers customers overall economic value, quality, service, and improved business productivity. Please visit www.twtelecom.com for more information.

About Durham Public Schools

With nearly 33,000 students in 53 schools, Durham Public Schools is the eighth largest school district in North Carolina. DPS has more than 4,600 employees district-wide, half of whom are teachers.

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