

Qwest Makes It Easier For Partners To Do Business With Qwest

DENVER, August 24, 2006 - Qwest Communications International Inc. (NYSE: Q) today announced a new associate partner level added to its Qwest Business Partner Program (QBPP). The new level is designed to make it easier for more partners to enjoy the benefits of QBPP.

QBPP is an industry-leading sales channel within Qwest that provides sales and sales support for a network of approximately 5,000 partners and sub-agents that offer Qwest's high-quality voice, data and IP services to business customers across the country.

The new tier requires a minimum sales commitment of \$25,000 in monthly billed revenue. Qwest associate partners will sell Qwest business products and services and get support from the Qwest's pre- and post-sales teams. Qwest has two other existing membership levels - business master partners and premier master partners. The business master level requires a minimum sales commitment of \$100,000 and the premier master level requires \$500,000, both in monthly billed revenue.

"The new associate partner level will allow us to reach niche partners in the marketplace and make it even easier for more partners to do business with Qwest," said Tom McGrath, vice president, Qwest Business Partner Program. "Our goal is to ensure all agents are able to build their businesses selling Qwest's high-quality voice, data and IP services."

QBPP recently earned a Five-Star rating from VARBusiness, an industry-leading publication focused exclusively on reseller and partner channels. This year marks the sixth year QBPP has earned the distinction; the designation further supports Qwest's commitment to its partner program and the hundreds of partners that are members. To learn more about QBPP, please visit www.qwest.com/partners.

Those interested in joining this program can visit Qwest at the Channel Partners Conference and Expo at booth #711/713.

About Qwest

Qwest offers a unique and powerful combination of voice and data solutions for businesses, government agencies and consumers - locally and throughout the country. Customers coast to coast are turning to Qwest's industry-leading national fiber optic network and its Spirit of Service for quality products and superior customer experience. For more information on Qwest, and its various operating subsidiaries, please go to www.qwest.com.

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