



## Extreme Networks Expands Portfolio of TAA-Certified Compliant Government and Education Network Solutions

SANTA CLARA, Calif., Oct 01, 2009 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX News Network/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR), is furthering its value proposition for North American channel partners who address the federal and local government sectors by announcing that its leading-edge portfolio of Summit(R) Series edge switches, including the Summit X450, X350, X250 and X150, and the BlackDiamond(R) 8800 modular switches are available as TAA Compliant, a part of the Federal Trade Agreements Act.

Extreme Networks wide variety of TAA-Compliant network solutions provide its North American channel partners with the simplest and most efficient path to building new business with federal and local governmental agencies and educational institutions as part of GSA purchasing contracts.

"Extreme Networks solutions are proven in the market and well tailored for enterprise network requirements," said Jim Marsh, senior vice president of sales for Carousel Industries, a leading national technology integrator. "Today's development helps us sharpen our competitive edge around our objectives to recommend convergence-ready networks to federal and local government, K-12 and university education customers. By promoting higher reliability, integrated network security and performance, Extreme Networks helps us deliver the right infrastructure for converged communications."

TAA compliance is required for inclusion on Federal contracts, such as GSA Schedules, which are long-term, established government-wide purchasing contracts through commercial firms that can be ordered directly from GSA Schedule contractors.

Extreme Networks Summit fixed switches and BlackDiamond 8800 modular switches are supported with a consistent operating system, ExtremeXOS(R), which provides comprehensive and uniform enterprise features to deal with emerging business applications and converged communications. Additionally, the complete range of fixed switches features cross-platform stackable management, Layer 2 and Layer 3 options with either Fast Ethernet (10/100) or Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000) speeds.

"Furthering the number of network solutions that are TAA-compliant is a direct benefit to our existing and prospective channel partners," said Christopher Rajiah, director of the North American Channel program for Extreme Networks. "Integrators like Carousel Industries demonstrate the highest competency in planning, designing and installing network infrastructure and are now best served with solutions that meet TAA and GSA requirements."

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Extreme Networks provides converged Ethernet networks that support data, voice and video for enterprises and service providers. The company's network solutions feature high performance and high availability switching that deliver insight and control enabling customers to solve their real-world business communications challenges. Operating in more than 50 countries, Extreme Networks provides wired and wireless secure LANs, data center infrastructure and Service Provider Ethernet transport solutions that are complemented by global, 24x7 service and support. For more information, visit <http://www.extremenetworks.com>.

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release, including without limitation statements as to features and benefits of ExtremeXOS, BlackDiamond and Summit products are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date. Because such statements deal with future events, they are subject to risks and uncertainties, including network design and actual results of use of the product in different environments. We undertake no obligation to update the forward-looking information in this release. Other important factors which could cause actual results to differ materially are contained in the Company's 10-Qs and 10-Ks which are on file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. <http://www.sec.gov>

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