



## **Covad Kicks-Off 2005 National Broadband Entrepreneur Program**

**San Jose, Calif. (January 11, 2005)** — Covad Communications Group (OTCBB: COVD), a leading provider of broadband voice and data communications, today announced the kick-off of the 2005 Covad Broadband Entrepreneur Program (CBEP), a national community outreach program, which supported 156 minority, women and disabled micro-entrepreneurs in 2004.

“Broadband is an essential service to businesses of all sizes,” said Charles Hoffman, president and chief executive officer of Covad. “Covad is proud to play a significant role in helping a variety of small businesses get off the ground by providing free access to our high-speed Internet services. We have received a tremendous response from CBEP participants and we look forward to sharing in the success of our 2005 CBEP award recipients.”

Covad partners with the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO) to provide monetary and Covad broadband service grants to underserved entrepreneurs in starting, stabilizing and expanding businesses. In 2004, 156 micro-entrepreneurs in Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Illinois, Georgia, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, Tennessee and Virginia received a \$500 award and complimentary Covad broadband service worth more than \$900 for one year.

With the help of 16 local non-profit organizations nationwide, CBEP also selected two 2004 CBEP Local Partners of The Year for their outstanding contributions to the program. Denver’s MicroBusiness Development Corporation will receive a \$5,000 award from Covad to be used to support the delivery of computer, Internet and technical support for its clients. The Philadelphia Development Partnership will receive a \$2,500 award from Covad to be used to support their monthly “Business Toolkit” workshops and networking series for micro-entrepreneurs.

“We are proud to partner with Covad’s Broadband Entrepreneur Program because we empower small business owners and help them get their feet off the ground,” said Kersten Hostetter of Denver’s MicroBusiness Development Corporation. “Broadband is no longer a luxury but a necessity for a successful business.”



For more information on the Covad Broadband Entrepreneur Program please visit <http://www.covad.com/companyinfo/communityoutreach.shtml>.

For more information on the Association for Enterprise Opportunity please visit <http://www.microenterpriseworks.org>.

### **About Covad**

Covad is a leading nationwide provider of broadband voice and data communications. The company offers DSL, Voice Over IP, T1, Web hosting, managed security, IP and dial-up, and bundled voice and data services directly through Covad's network and through Internet Service Providers, value-added resellers, telecommunications carriers and affinity groups to small and medium-sized businesses and home users. Covad broadband services are currently available across the nation in 44 states and 235 Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs) and can be purchased by more than 57 million homes and businesses, which represent over 50 percent of all US homes and businesses. Corporate headquarters is located at 110 Rio Robles San Jose, CA 95134. Telephone: 1-888-GO-COVAD. Web Site: [www.covad.com](http://www.covad.com).

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