



BCNET Partners with Xten to Bring Desktop Videoconferencing to BC's Research & Education Institutions

VANCOUVER, BC (January 14, 2005) - **BCNET** (www.bc.net), a non-profit society for the development of advanced networks within the province, announced today that Xten, a developer of award-winning VoIP [Voice over IP], Video over IP, Instant Messaging and Presence SIP softphones, has signed on as a Corporate Partner with BCNET. XTEN will work with BCNET to test eyeBeam™, Xten's multi-platform, multi-point desktop videoconferencing solution for BCNET member stakeholders.

"We are very excited to be partnering with Xten to test their softphone technology for the research and education communities. If it becomes fully operational, this technology will enable researchers and academics to interactively collaborate, over the Internet at a fraction of the cost of using conventional land-based phones," said **Mike Hrybyk, President and CEO of BCNET**.

Using Xten's VoIP softphone technologies, BCNET will enable users to conduct multi-point videoconferences over the Internet. Voice over IP (VOIP) and Video over IP are protocols that carry voice and video data over the Internet. As an alternative to land-based telephone lines, softphone applications allow users to send instant messages, and make and receive telephone calls over the Internet, often much less expensively than using landlines or cell phones.

Xten is happy to contribute to the local academic communities, I can see eyeBeam™ becoming a very useful tool for students when communicating via Voice, Video and IM both on and off campus," said **Erik Lagerway, President and COO of Xten**.

"Desktop videoconferencing can change the way we work. By enabling face-to-face communication over the Internet, we can cut travel time and increase contact with academics and researchers across the province and around the world," said **Hrybyk**. We are confident, that this type of technology will help our members to become more productive and effective."

About BCNET

BCNET (www.bc.net) is a non-profit society supporting and promoting advanced networks for the province's research and education communities. The organization serves BC's academic, research and development institutions, government bodies, community organizations and industry groups. **BCNET** is the province's foremost leader in advanced network technology. **BCNET** is supported by the provincial and federal governments as well as by its regional member institutions.

About Xten

Xten Networks, Inc. (Nevada - OTCBB: XNWK) is a developer of award-winning, high-quality, carrier-grade VoIP (Voice over IP), Video over IP, Instant Messaging and Presence SIP softphones for service providers, cable operators, Internet telephony service providers, IP PBX manufacturers and OEMs. **Xten** has a feature-rich FREE SIP softphone dubbed X-Lite, in addition to the fully featured X-PRO commercial softphone and eyeBeam, a SIP Video over IP softphone. Through its deployments with leading service providers, **Xten** has more than 600,000 IP endpoints deployed worldwide.

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