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Novatel Wireless MC727 USB Modem Wins Mobile Star Award for Best Portable Remote Connectivity Gear

SAN DIEGO, Nov 03, 2008 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Novatel Wireless, Inc. (Nasdaq:NVTL), a leading provider of wireless broadband solutions, today announced that its Ovation MC727 USB modem won a Silver Mobile Star Award(TM) from MobileVillage(R), the 15-year leader in market development and news services about mobile technology, in the category of "Best Portable Remote Connectivity Gear."

Designed as the world's first 2-in-1 EV-DO Rev. A modem and file storage device, the MC727 features an integrated microSD (TM) slot, allowing for the seamless storage and transport of up to 4GB of files, photos or videos. Featuring an extremely durable design and small form factor, the MC727 enables users to stream movies, check email, play online games and transfer files, at ultra fast speeds, from virtually anywhere. The MC727 is optimized for North American networks, providing unprecedented download speeds up to 3.1 Mbps and upload speeds up to 1.8 Mbps.

The Mobile Star Award adds to the extensive list of distinctions for this modem, including a CES Innovations Award, a New York Times Pogie Award for product innovation and the PC Magazine Editor's Choice Award for the best cellular modem on the Sprint Network.

"Despite the economic slowdown, recent studies have predicted minimal impact on the mobile and wireless industry," says MobileVillage Editor Gary Thayer. "People have fallen in love with mobile productivity and entertainment products, and there's a real desire to discover and share the latest and greatest. This year we had a record 2,300 votes from MobileVillage readers who are eager to share their knowledge."

The seventh annual Mobile Star Award program honors and promotes the top companies, products, deployments, and leaders in mobile and wireless technology. Winners are chosen by subscribers to Go Mobile(R), MobileVillage's free email newsletter sent to technology executives, mobile professionals, IT managers, developers, and top tech journalists.

"We are very pleased to be the recipients of this recognition as voted by our peers in the industry," said Peter Leparulo, chairman and CEO, Novatel Wireless. "The overwhelming industry approval that the MC727 has received validates the ongoing efforts undertaken by Novatel to provide market leading connectivity solutions."

This year's Mobile Star Awards winners are posted online at <http://www.mobilevillage.com/awards.htm>.

ABOUT NOVATEL WIRELESS

Novatel Wireless, Inc. is revolutionizing wireless communications. The Company is a leader in the design and development of innovative wireless broadband access solutions based on 3G WCDMA (HSPA & UMTS), CDMA and GSM technologies. Novatel Wireless' Merlin(TM) PC Cards and ExpressCards, Expedite(R) Embedded Modules, MobiLink(TM) Communications Software Suite, Ovation(TM) Fixed Mobile Convergence Products and Conversa(TM) Software Suite enable high-speed wireless Internet access. The Company delivers innovative 3G solutions to operators, distributors and vertical markets worldwide. Headquartered in San Diego, California, Novatel Wireless is listed on NASDAQ: NVTL. For more information please visit www.novatelwireless.com. (NVTLG)

ABOUT MOBILEVILLAGE

Founded in 1993, MobileVillage is a market and solution development company dedicated to advancing mobile and wireless productivity in a wide range of industries. MobileVillage accomplishes this by fostering education and alliances through its Mobile "Best of Breed" solution identification, event partnerships, an online industry directory, industry job postings, daily online news, its widely respected Go Mobile(R) newsletter, a Mobile Mentors(TM) program, and popular annual Mobile Star Awards (TM) program. Visit MobileVillage online at www.mobilevillage.com.

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