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Cutting Edge NAS Completes First Year of Deployment with U.S. Federal Agency

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Major Criminal "Hacking" investigation*

La Mesa, CA. – April 5, 2005 – Cutting Edge's Mobile Data Acquisition and Recovery Unit (m-DAR™), with 10-terabytes of data storage has recently completed it's first year of in-the-field use with a prominent federal agency. With the m-DAR, Cutting Edge brings a seamless integration of hardware, server, and software that provides enterprises with replication, backup, migration, and individual file-level recovery utilizing large capacity disk drives.

The federal agency was able to utilize the data processing and storage capabilities of the Cutting Edge m-DAR to assist agents in a major criminal investigation where a hacker had penetrated a wireless service provider's servers for over one year. The ability to cull the volume of email and document data from the hacker's own computers, made the m-DAR an ideal tool for the federal agents in their investigation.

The benefits of the Cutting Edge m-DAR product line for other Enterprise-class customers include ease of deployment, ease of use, ease of management, and reduced overall requirements for IT resources. The tight integration of hardware and software addresses issues of compatibility and interoperability, and also eliminates the need for wasteful, repetitive procedures, and is ideally suited for government needs.

"I am confident that the technology created and provided by Cutting Edge will continue to be a valuable asset to the mission of this federal agency," stated Congressman Duncan Hunter, Chairman of the House Armed Services Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives and the representative of the area of Cutting Edge's headquarters.

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Cutting Edge’s m-DAR is a powerful network computer creating a forensics data storage system that facilitates forensic analysis by providing immediate massive onsite data storage capacity. The m-DAR’s shock-mounted mobile design allows the unit to be shipment-ready in less than five minutes with no external packaging needed.

“We are proud of the work we do at Cutting Edge and with the performance and capabilities of the m-DAR unit. Being able to bring customers the exact solution they require continues to set Cutting Edge apart. We look forward to continually provide our government customers with high-performance technology, stated Deborah Inman, President of Cutting Edge.

About Cutting Edge

Cutting Edge is a woman-owned small business located in La Mesa, California, near San Diego. For over 12 years, Cutting Edge has been a trusted provider of data protection technology. Our proven expertise, value, and personalized care is why we are relied upon by business, the education sector, and government agencies. Cutting Edge offers storage solutions, custom servers and data recovery services to its customers. Cutting Edge is a world class Linux storage developer bringing the Open Source based high-performance, high availability EdgeWare NAS OS to the market.