

# **World Discount Telecommunications Deploys Stratus Telecom's ENTICE Platform to Optimize Network & Drive Long-Term Expansion**

ALLEN, Texas --- Stratus Telecommunications, LLC announced today that Dallas-based World Discount Telecommunications (WDT) is deploying the Stratus Telecom ENTICE telecommunications platform in a phased rollout. WDT specializes in both landline and mobile international long-distance services as well as residential VoIP, and has over 100,000 subscribers.

WDT's goals in adopting Stratus Telecom technology included simplifying management of the switching side of the house by moving from four different technical platforms to one, help to reduce operating costs while also preparing for growth.

The first phase of the project, completed in late 2008, involved installation of clustered ENTICE session controllers to allow more efficient port utilization enabling connectivity to international carriers as well as to handle wholesale routing and billing. The ENTICE solution made it possible to mix IP traffic from multiple gateways previously dedicated to calls to and from a single country to provide a unified routing and billing platform.

The second phase, completed in April, added Dialogic's CSP hardware to allow interconnection of WDT's ENTICE switch with its Nortel DMS-250 programmable TDM switch. This portion of the project is enabling WDT to cut costs by transitioning TDM traffic from traditional carriers to IP. Configuration and management of the Dialogic hardware are built into the ENTICE interface, yielding additional savings by consolidating ENTICE/Dialogic administration. The Cisco gateways that the Dialogic CSP is replacing had to be programmed separately.

The selection of the ENTICE platform also gives WDT the option to add CLASS 5 functionality at any time to bring its current hosted softswitch for residential phone service in-house under one management domain. All ENTICE components including session border control, customer billing, calling features and value-added calling applications are integrated, eliminating the need to license and link components from multiple vendors.

"WDT laid out a clear road map for changing their network infrastructure, and they wisely did their due diligence based on the entire plan rather than taking a piecemeal approach. That led them directly to our ENTICE platform," said Nathan Franzmeier, President of Stratus Telecom.

"Our end-to-end integration delivers the streamlined administration and one-stop source they were looking for, and it remains a major ENTICE competitive advantage for the market at large."

#### **About Stratus Telecommunications, LLC**

Stratus Telecommunications is a leading provider of VoIP and converged service solutions for telecommunications service providers around the globe. The company's ENTICE solutions are used by many of the world's largest carriers and hundreds of small and mid-sized service providers that require solutions for integrating current and emerging network technologies, making it possible to leverage their existing infrastructure investments as they move to VoIP and other emerging standards. For more information, visit [www.stratustelecom.com](http://www.stratustelecom.com).

#### **About World Discount Telecommunications, Inc.**

World Discount Telecommunications (WDT) is a provider of discount telecommunications services for residential and business customers nationwide. WDT offers local, long-distance, wireless and voice over IP phone services. WDT has a strong heritage providing high quality, deeply discounted long distance and international calling plans and multilingual customer service to ethnic markets within the U.S. For more information about WDT, visit [www.mywdt.com](http://www.mywdt.com).