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News Briefs for Oct. 18, 2006

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- SouthernLINC Wireless** is making **TeleNav's** TeleNav GPS Navigator available on its customers' mobile phones. The application offers turn-by-turn voice and onscreen directions to addresses across the United States. The service also features Biz Finder, which provides information and directions to businesses, and Fuel Finder, which will direct users to the closest gas station with the cheapest gas that day.
- IPWireless** has introduced a mobile broadband solution for the 700MHz public safety band. The UMTS TD-CDMA-based solution can operate in all 700MHz band plans being considered by the FCC. Inter-cell interference mitigation technology gives the technology higher performance throughout the cell by canceling interference from surrounding cells, according to the company.
- Bytemobile** announced that **SmarTone-Vodafone** has partnered with **Interactive Technology Limited (ITL)** to deploy Bytemobile's Optimization Services Node (OSN) in the launch of networkwide high-speed downlink packet access (HSDPA) coverage in Hong Kong. The network delivers SmarTone-Vodafone Mobile Broadband service, the first commercial deployment of HSDPA in Hong Kong.
- Notre Dame University has selected **Cingular Wireless** to provide wireless services and equipment to the school's administration, faculty, staff and students. Cingular says it is the first cellular carrier to transmit on Notre Dame's new distributed cellular antenna system, which was provided by NextG Networks.
- Actuate Corporation** has teamed with **Webalo** to deliver integrated, analysis-ready, managed spreadsheets to mobile devices. As part of the agreement, **Actuate 9 e.Spreadsheet** and Webalo's User Proxy will work together to address the user experience and inconsistencies in spreadsheet data in reports sent to mobile devices, such as Research In Motion's BlackBerry, Microsoft Windows Mobile, Palm Treo and Java-enabled smartphones.
- Monotype Imaging**, a font and imaging technologies provider, is launching its ESQ Mobile brand of fonts with the introduction of more than 200 designs tailored for viewing on mobile phones. The company released 13 fonts in June. The new typefaces enable developers, content providers, wireless operators and handset manufacturers to enhance mobile products, the company says.
- Microvision** released Microvision eCell for BlackBerry. With a Flic Cordless Scanner, users can scan and capture bar code data into an eCell worksheet on their BlackBerry and then wirelessly send the file in real time to other people and systems. Typical applications for the product include: inventory, asset tracking, inspections, surveys, logs, field service, sales and job tracking, according to the company.
- Palm** announced that its Treo 700wx smartphone has launched on **Bell Canada's** CDMA 1XEV-DO network. The device runs on the Windows Mobile 5.0 platform.
- SMC Networks** unveiled plans for a new line of wireless networking products that comply with the draft 802.11n standard for wireless networking. The products will be backwards compatible with 802.11b/g wireless networks and will begin shipping in the fourth quarter.
- Cisco Systems** introduced the Cisco Secure Services Client 4.0, software designed to provide enterprises with a single authentication framework from multiple devices to securely access wired and wireless networks. The new software conforms to the IEEE 802.1X authentication standard and is optimized to work with a Cisco unified wireless network.
- Firetide** has joined the **Wi-Fi Alliance**. The decision to join, according to the company, ties in with Firetide's recent shipments of its new HotPoint line of indoor and outdoor wireless access points designed for municipal and enterprise markets.
- BelAir Networks** announced that it has donated radio antennae and other equipment to support the Boston Wireless Initiative. MetroNext, Gigabeam and Charys also are delivering products and services for the project.
- Lotterman Companies** and **Lewis B. Freeman & Partners** have formed a strategic alliance offering enhanced site and facility auditing services to the telecommunications industry. "The continued consolidation in the telecom industry today has created the need for outsourced real estate services, especially large and complex site audits," said Lotterman Companies President Larry Lotterman in a prepared statement. Lotterman's client roster includes Cingular Wireless, Sprint Nextel and T-Mobile USA.

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