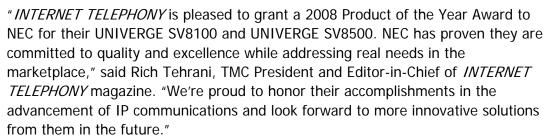<u>**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**</u> **- (January 23, 2009)**

NEC Receives *INTERNET TELEPHONY®* Magazine's 11th Annual Product of the Year Award

UNIVERGE® SV8100 and UNIVERGE SV8500 Recognized for Outstanding Innovation

IRVING, TX, (January 23, 2009) — NEC Unified Solutions, Inc. (NEC) announced today that Technology Marketing Corporation's (TMC®) *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine (www.itmag.com) has named UNIVERGE® SV8100 and SV8500 as recipients of its 2008 Product of the Year Award.

"*INTERNET TELEPHONY* is pleased to grant a 2008 Product of the Year Award to NEC for their UNIVERGE SV8100 and UNIVERGE SV8500. NEC has proven they are committed to quality and excellence while addressing real needs in the marketplace," said Rich Tehrani, TMC President and Editor-in-Chief of *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine. "We're proud to honor their accomplishments in the advancement of IP communications and look forward to more innovative solutions from them in the future."

The UNIVERGE SV8000 Series of communications servers help companies build a foundation for the UNIVERGE360 approach to unifying business communications, in which people's roles determine the technology, not the reverse.

- The UNIVERGE SV8100 IP communications server is designed to be both versatile and scalable for a growing business' needs. It includes business applications and a full range of high-powered features such as voicemail, ACD, multimedia conference bridge and IVR. Many of these applications can be transparently shared between branches or remote locations, saving costs and allowing individuals, departments and offices to work more efficiently.
- The UNIVERGE SV8500 IP communications server provides the foundation for enterprises to build advanced voice, mobility, collaboration, contact center and business productivity applications. Through supporting applications, the SV8500 helps organizations increase productivity, manage growth, reduce operating costs, and improve business continuity. The SV8500 also supports various horizontal and vertical industry feature sets that support core business initiatives.

"Companies rely on communications to meet critical business needs, and solutions that streamline technology while allowing for the organization to expand are increasingly important," said Jay Krauser, general manager, Portfolio Management, NEC Unified Solutions. "We are pleased to receive a product of the year award from *INTERNET TELEPHONY* for our communications solutions for two consecutive years and will continue to develop products to help our customers communicate efficiently."

A full list of Product of the Year winners will be published in the February, 2009 issue of *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine, (www.itmag.com). *INTERNET TELEPHONY* has been the authority in IP communication since 1998™.
For more information about TMC, please visit www.tmcnet.com. For information about NEC, visit www.necunified.com.

About NEC Unified Solutions

NEC Unified Solutions helps companies unify their business communications through innovative software, applications, development tools, and services. NEC offers a complete portfolio for unified communications, wireless, voice, data and managed services, as well as systems integration and application development. NEC Unified Solutions serves as the North American communications integration arm of global giant NEC Corporation for Fortune 1000, as well as small to mid-sized businesses in vertical markets such as hospitality, education, government, and healthcare. For more information, visit www.necunified.com.

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About *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine

INTERNET TELEPHONY has been the IP Communications Authority since 1998™. Beginning with the first issue in February of 1998, *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine has been providing unbiased views of the complicated converged communications space. *INTERNET TELEPHONY* offers rich content from solutions-focused editorial content to reviews on products and services from TMC Labs. *INTERNET TELEPHONY* magazine reaches more than 225,000 readers, including pass-along readers. For more information, please visit www.itmag.com.

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