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AZ Owned, Service-Disabled Veteran Technology Firm Invited to Jobs-Focused DC Conference on Internet and Wireless Deployment Impact

CHANDLER, AZ – FEBRUARY 14, 2012 – Alan Castillo, President of Castillo Technologies, LLC, traveled to Washington DC to attend an NDN and National Policy Institute invitation-only, daylong meeting at the White House for a discussion centered on the substantial economic benefits from advances in wireless broadband infrastructure, the adoption of mobile Internet devices, and how national policy should actively promote the rapid deployment and broad adoption of 4G wireless broadband as a catalyst for innovation and employment opportunity.

A recent white paper authored by leading economists, Rob Shapiro and Kevin Hassett, "The Employment Effects of Advances in Internet and Wireless Technology: Evaluating the Transitions from 2G to 3G and from 3G to 4G" estimated that "under the current transition, every 10 percent increase in the adoption of 3G and 4G wireless technologies could add more than 231,000 new jobs to the U.S. economy in less than a year."

Their research found that a "10 percentage point gain in penetration of a new generation of wireless technology in a given quarter leads to a 0.07 percentage-point gain in employment in the following quarter and results in continuing gains in subsequent quarters." Additionally, widespread adoption of broadband allows local communities access to emerging knowledge economies thus increasing their competitiveness in the global economic stage; helping the American economy restore gains in incomes and business investments.

Mr. Castillo and other attendees discussed the advantages of 4G technologies, the need for rapid placement, and the innovation that will accompany widespread availability. In addition to business community benefits, the group addressed how wider broadband access will produce significant societal gains; improvement in health care services relating to medical records access, training and education opportunities, general information access, and more efficient management of our nation's electricity networks, to name a few.

Castillo Technologies, LLC was recently awarded the <u>8(a)</u> <u>Streamlined Technology Acquisition Resources for</u> <u>Services II (STARS II)</u> Government-wide Acquisition Contract (GWAC) by the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA). This contract follows their 2004 award of the predecessor STARS I contract. Castillo Technologies completed over 140 work orders for Federal and DoD agencies under STARS I and other contract vehicles.

About NDN:

NDN's major areas of study include programs looking at globalization and macro-economic policy, clean energy, immigration and border issues, Latin America, US demographic change, and the impact of new mobile technology on civil society. NDN has Fellows and Advisors/Contributors in Washington, New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Portland, Oregon.

About Castillo Technologies, LLC:

Castillo Technologies consults with clients to provide individualized, business-goal focused assessment of their IT needs now and for the immediate future. Our analysis and reporting process holistically addresses growing business operations, workforce connectivity, and evolving technology needs requirements. Service offerings include maintenance and support, local and enterprise storage, telecommunications, data security, web 2.0, virtualization, and cloud services.

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