

**ADTRAN Announces First Participants in Total Access Partner Program -- TAPP**

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Westell and Hekimian to develop products that support ADTRAN's

high-density, multiple services deployment platform

ADTRAN, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADTN), a leader in high-speed digital communications products, announced today that Westell Technologies (NASDAQ:WSTL) and Hekimian Laboratories are the first participants in ADTRAN's Total Access Partner Program (TAPP).

TAPP is a cooperative venture between leading telecom equipment manufacturers to develop products for Total Access, ADTRAN's high-density, multiple services deployment platform. Total Access is designed using a modular, multi-vendor architecture that makes it possible for a single platform to support multiple digital services using components from a range of manufacturers.

"We are pleased to announce Westell and Hekimian's support in furthering the Total Access platform," said Tom Stanton, ADTRAN vice president of Telco marketing. "The two companies represent the advanced technology, 'best of breed' strategy that is at the heart of the Total Access architecture. By building a multi-service deployment platform that accepts modules from numerous vendors, ADTRAN is offering customers a highly flexible solution that engenders competitive pricing and top-of-line technologies."

Westell Inc. is a leading world-wide innovator and manufacturer of telecommunications access products and ADSL systems. Westell will be developing several access modules for use in the Total Access platform. "With Total Access, Telcos can essentially 'pick and choose' from a broad spectrum of transport technologies and services, using plug-in units developed by a variety of manufacturers," said George Wagner, Westell vice president, Telco Access Products marketing. "We are excited by the capabilities of the Total Access system and proud to be part of the development partnership with ADTRAN that is bringing this system to market."

Hekimian Laboratories, Inc. of Rockville, Maryland, is the leading independent supplier of automated test systems for telecommunications networks. The company will provide complementary products for Total Access that will assist in end-to-end testing and performance monitoring. According to Mark Posluszny, Hekimian vice president of marketing, "We see Total Access as an ideal platform for service assurance as well as delivery, and are pleased to take part in its development. We believe both the telecom service providers and their customers will greatly benefit from Total Access' diversity in digital-service offerings."

Other TAPP participants are scheduled to be announced in coming weeks. To ensure interoperability, access modules and complementary components will be tested at the ADTRAN Total Access certification facility in Huntsville, Alabama.

Total Access can deliver local-loop services at rates from 56 kbps to more than 6 Mbps, and is the only system that effectively supports either combination of DS1 and DS3 or DS1 and SONET network interfaces. The system is fully manageable, fully redundant and both UL and NEBS compliant. As one of the most compact multi-service platforms in the industry, it can be installed in either a telephone company central office or remote hut. The

chassis is only 6 inches tall, 12 inches deep, and mounts in a standard 23-inch wide bay. Multiple systems can be combined in a 7-foot bay to support more than 1,000 ISDN Basic Rate, or 200 HDSL/T1 rate interfaces.

Plug-in modules will initially be available for HDSL, ISDN, T1, Optical DS2 and integral DS3 multiplexing, with future modules to span the range of local-loop digital services. The Total Access system, including the system controller unit and first series of digital-service access modules, will be available later this year.

Westell Technologies (NASDAQ: WSTL) is a holding company for Westell Inc., Conference Plus Inc. and Westell WorldWide Services Inc. Westell Inc. is a leading world-wide innovator and manufacturer of telecommunications access products and ADSL systems, with corporate headquarters in Aurora, Illinois. Additional information can be obtained by visiting Westell's Web site at <http://www.westell.com>.

Hekimian Laboratories, Inc., headquartered in Rockville, Maryland, has a long history of supplying network providers with industry-leading remote test, test access, performance monitoring, and testing operations systems. For more information about Hekimian products, visit their Web site at [www.hekimian.com](http://www.hekimian.com), send e-mail to [info@hekimian.com](mailto:info@hekimian.com) or call 1-301-590-3600.

#### About ADTRAN

Established in 1985, ADTRAN is a leading provider of total system solutions for delivering today's digital transmission technologies over existing telecommunications infrastructures. The company is best-known for developing cost-effective, high-performance equipment that transforms copper wire local loops into high-speed digital networks. The ISO 9001 company is a top supplier of DDS, ISDN, Frame Relay, T1/FT1 and HDSL products. ADTRAN customers include the Regional Bell Operating Companies (RBOCs) and many of the more than 1,300 independent Telcos in the United States. ADTRAN also designs and manufactures products for private end-users in the customer premises equipment (CPE) market.

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