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Patton Recognized with Maryland Delegate's Citation

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Gaithersburg, MD: Patton Electronics has received an honors citation from Maryland Delegate Saqib Ali (representing the 39th Legislative District) that recognizes Patton for earning INTERNET TELEPHONY magazine's 2006 Product of the Year Award for the **SmartNode™ 4960 Multiport PRI Integrated Access Device**.

"By winning this award, Patton Electronics is moving our area closer to the goal of becoming the premier high tech center in the country," said Delegate Ali, the first Muslim to serve in the Maryland General Assembly. "Local companies like Patton Electronics are the backbone of our economy, and we are fortunate to have them operating here in Gaithersburg."

"We are deeply honored to receive the Delegate's Citation," said Robert R. Patton, President of Patton. "Patton has been based in Maryland since our inception twenty-two years ago, and has found it a favorable environment for all aspects of manufacturing. The technology talent pool—one of the best in the country—combined with a dedicated labor force has resulted in the ground-breaking SmartNode 4960 IAD."

The SN4960 addresses real-world requirements in the demanding ISDN market, supporting business-class voice quality, and reliable T.38 fax transmission, and ISDN network synchronization and fallback. Enabling high-performance, low-cost CPE now makes those business models viable and profitable.

Built on the industry's **most interoperable VoIP platform**, the SN4960 is the first major-brand PRI VoIP IAD to offer dual gig-Ethernet ports and hardware-accelerated voice encryption.

For hi-resolution images of the SmartNode 4960, go to Patton's **media resources** page and click on *VoIP*.

About the SmartNode 4960

The SmartNode™ 4960 integrates with legacy telephony gear to deliver VoIP and data services with QoS and encrypted-voice VPNs. The SmartNode 4960 comes with four T1/E1/PRI ports, two GigE ports, and supports up to 120 simultaneous VoIP calls, making it the ideal choice for low-cost, secure, prioritized communications.

About the SmartNode™ family of VoIP Solutions

The SmartNode™ brand carries a strong six-year track record of successful deployments with satisfied carriers. SmartNode™ VoIP gateways, routers, and IADs scale from 2 to 120 analog or digital voice ports. Offering all the industry-standard interfaces (T1/E1, PRI/BRI, FXS/FXO, V.35/X.21, Ethernet and more), SmartNode™ supports SIP, H.323, T.38 Fax-relay, fax-bypass, modem-bypass, plus Voice-over-VPN with AES/DES IPsec voice encryption, plus upstream Quality-of-Service (QoS) with Patton's advanced DownStreamQoS™ for clear, toll-quality voice.

About Patton

Patton is a multi-national manufacturer of voice and data-communications equipment for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide. Incorporated in 1984, Patton markets a catalog of more than 500 products including SmartNode™ VoIP solutions that support SIP, H.323, and MGCP for analog and ISDN telephony; ForeFront™ multi-service access infrastructure solutions for TDM and IP service delivery (T1/E1, G.SHDSL, xDSL, dial-up); IPLink™ CPE solutions for last-mile/local-loop access (WAN routers, modems, remote access servers, NTUs, CSU/DSUs); CopperLink™ Ethernet Extenders; EtherBITS™ device servers; and a full range of network-connectivity Micro-Products (interface converters, short-range modems, multiplexers, surge protectors). For more information or to request a free datacom catalog contact sales@patton.com.

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