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Big Bend Telecommunications Selects Advanced Projects International to Provide Rural Telephony Satellite Solution

Petaluma, CA -- July 2005 – Advanced Projects International (API) today announced that it has signed a ten year agreement with Texas-based Big Bend Telecommunications Company to expand Big Bend's network, allowing them to offer voice, fax and broadband internet via satellite, to more than 500 rural customers within their Texas region.

API will provide Big Bend with a new innovative technology that enables telecommunications carriers to provide their underserved rural subscribers with high-quality residential voice, data and fax services. API will design, integrate, and install their recently launched *Endura* Series, a premier line of industry specific satellite integration boxes. The Big Bend installations will include the *Endura* RTS-1, Advanced Projects International's product specifically designed to integrate satellite communications within Rural Telephony networks.

API's quick-deploy *Endura* RTS-1 is part of API's full line of climate controlled, industrialized satellite integration boxes. Specialized configurations include indoor/outdoor enclosures with built-in UPS allowing up to 4 hours of standby power. Product integration allows telcos to offer rural subscribers with up to four lines per household, broadband speeds from 256k to 2M, and integrates with 911 Emergency services.

Big Bend's procurement of the *Endura* RTS-1 satellite solution was made possible with funds secured through the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). RUS, a service of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), provides rural utility companies with low-interest financing for the purchase of approved, tested and certified telecommunications equipment.

About Big Bend

Big Bend, a Rural Local Exchange Carrier (RLEC) that serves 13 exchanges, provides telephony services to a subscriber base located throughout a 17,000 square mile sparsely populated area of rugged terrain in west Texas.

About Advanced Projects International (API)

API is a VSAT solutions provider offering design, integration, implementation, field services and support. API specializes in satellite solutions for corporate, maritime and rural telephony networks. For more information on the *Endura* Series or API, call 707-283-8000 or visit www.advapro.com.

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