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## N.C. Clean & Green Goes Wireless

*Cisco Systems Inc. to provide wireless Internet access products*

Raleigh – N.C. Clean & Green 2000 will make use of wireless Internet access technology during its event tomorrow, April 28, on the Halifax Mall and Bicentennial Plaza in downtown Raleigh. The event highlights and celebrates the efforts of various State Government agencies and universities that are setting an example of environmental stewardship. These agencies and universities have made environment friendly practices such as use of alternative fuel vehicles; recycling office paper, metals and glass; buying recycled products; and restoring wetlands on state-owned properties part of their business philosophy. Nearly 75 state government agency and university exhibitors will highlight their environment-friendly business practices during the 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. celebration.

“As we surveyed the participants and exhibitors in the kick-off event, we realized most provided information about their environmental sustainability involvement through the Internet. For this reason, we wanted to provide exhibitors with the capability to connect to the Internet from their displays at the N.C. Clean and Green 2000,” said Sharron Rogers, event coordinator. “Because the event is outdoors and covers a wide area, wireless access to the Internet was recommended.”

Cisco Systems Inc. will provide Cisco LAN Switching projects and Cisco Aironet wireless LAN access point to provide exhibitors with access to the Internet. Wireless LAN Access Points are Radio Frequency-based units that are installed throughout a site to receive and transmit data from roaming devices like laptop computers or mobile hand-held devices. Using Cisco products, exhibitor devices at Halifax Mall and Bicentennial Plaza will connect into the State of North Carolina existing network backbone to access the Internet.

“Cisco is very supportive of the N.C. Clean and Green initiative,” said Rick Webb, director of State of North Carolina Information Technology Services. “The service Cisco is providing is the technology of the future, which reduces the use of natural resources and is more cost efficient.”

By year 2003, access to the Internet by wireless devices will exceed access by hard-wired devices. One implication of using wireless access is that the amount of cabling required to access the Internet from a device is greatly reduced. This makes wireless access equipment and installation a more environment friendly method of access because the resources dedicated to producing, installing and maintaining cabled-access are conserved.

### About N.C. Clean and Green 2000 and North Carolina Project Green

In Fall 1998 Governor James B. Hunt Jr. issued a challenge to state government to set an example of environmental stewardship in the way it conducts operations and businesses. Across state government, this challenge was heard and taken to heart. Both state agencies and universities quickly discovered that they were already engaged in numerous activities to reduce the negative impacts their operations have on the environment. For more information about N.C. Project Green and N.C. Clean and Green 2000, visit this Web site at [www.sustainablenc.org](http://www.sustainablenc.org).

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