

SOHware Announces Outdoor Wi-Fi Solutions with Integrated 5GHz Wireless Backhaul

Outdoor Bridges and Access Points Optimize Wireless Access for MDU, Hotel and Resort Properties

Santa Clara, CA, April 28, 2006 – SOHware, an integrated wireless systems pioneer, announces new outdoor wireless solutions that help WISPs and other Service Providers quickly deploy public Internet access at multi-dwelling (MDU), hotel and resort properties. The AeroExtend family further enhances SOHware's integrated MDU solutions by adding dual band outdoor wireless capability, which combines robust 5.8GHz backhaul trunks with simultaneous 2.4GHz Wi-Fi access. There are two radios in the AeroExtend device, providing dedicated bandwidth to the access point and wireless backhaul. The dual radio, dual band platform offers multiple benefits; AeroExtend installations require less number of devices overall per deployment, providing a more visually discrete solution and reducing initial capital investment for cost sensitive property owners.



AeroExtend WLG2502 AP - Bridge

The demand by tenants and guests for wireless Internet access has presented both opportunities and challenges to mid-size Service Providers and VARs. They recognize their competitive advantage over traditional Telco operators in offering more affordable subscriber models, but as yet find it difficult to source MDU solutions that seamlessly integrate indoor and outdoor wireless, security, AAA, and options for network trunking. Instead, Service Providers have had to make substantial investments in time and technical resources, not to mention business risk, absorbing the job of technology integrator to solve project requirements. SOHware eliminates this burden. Through its integrated solution portfolio, SOHware responds to small and medium Service Providers and VARs with qualified solution packages that accelerate deployment success.

“Rural Telco providers and WISPs do not have the time to invest in assuming the technology integrator role. We do that for them, so they can focus on their value proposition to subscribers,” says Ashok Kumar, VP of Business Development. “And our design-win program insures direct support between our FAE and the Service Provider.”

The AeroExtend family includes the WLG2502 dual radio AP-Bridge and a range of complimentary high gain antennas for 2.4 and 5GHz bands. Wireless network modes include point-to-

point and point-to-multipoint bridging, plus simultaneous access point. The WLG2502 includes Power over Ethernet support and complete mounting accessories. Performance is 54Mbps for 11a and 11g, with turbo mode for 108Mbps. Security and management are business-class, including full 802.11i compliant WPA and secure Web and SNMP administrative access.

About SOHware

SOHware provides integrated networking solutions that conform to OACIS open architecture through a Partner-Direct channel model for SMB and vertical applications. SOHware solutions offer innovative, business-class features combining the performance, ease of use, and affordability demanded by the growing SMB and small to medium Service Provider (SMSP) markets. OACIS portfolio solutions include:

- AeroGuard MIMO access points
- AeroGate subscriber management appliances
- AeroExtend outdoor wireless AP - Bridges
- BroadScan UTM Security Appliances
- BroadSwitch managed VDSL and PoE Switches
- BroadLink multi-homing WAN load balancers

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