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**Astute Networks, Inc. Expands Multi-Year Purchase Agreement
with Sun Microsystems Federal**

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Feb. 10, 2009 – Astute Networks, Inc., a leading provider of bladed storage solutions optimized for the most demanding applications on the edge of the network, today announced that the company has expanded its multi-year purchase agreement with Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc. (Sun Federal), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sun Microsystems, Inc., to provide Sun Federal with Advanced Telecommunications Computing Architecture (ATCA) blade storage products.

Under the terms of the agreement, Sun Federal will offer Astute Networks' Caspian Edge Storage Blade products to its customers within the federal and military markets. Astute Networks' Caspian products can be integrated with a number of Sun's ATCA solutions such as the Sun Netra® CT900 ATCA Blade Server. Many customers in the Department of Defense (DoD) are migrating their mission-critical systems to ATCA technology because it provides extreme reliability and performance, high density, simplicity of deployment, system flexibility and significant power savings over conventional rack mount environments.

"We are pleased to have expanded our relationship with Astute Networks to address the needs of our ATCA customers within the federal marketplace," said Bill Vass, president and chief operating officer, Sun Microsystems Federal, Inc. "The Astute Networks product line will complement our ATCA blade server offerings such as the Netra CT900 by providing fully integrated solutions for a myriad of agency applications."

"Sun Federal is a leader in providing innovative networking solutions to all areas of the federal market, and Astute Networks is delighted to be aligned with such a highly regarded technology organization," said Clark Masters, president and chief executive officer, Astute Networks, Inc. "We are looking forward to working closely with Sun Federal to offer customers the superior functionality that ATCA technology has to offer."

About Astute Networks, Inc.

Astute Networks is the leading provider of bladed storage solutions for edge applications such as Telecom Network Control, IPTV/VoD, Military C4I, and video surveillance. Our focus is to provide you the most reliable storage platform with the highest performance, greatest rack densities, and power efficiencies - while being easy to deploy and maintain. Our solutions enable you to achieve lower lifecycle costs, faster time to market and higher competitiveness for you and your company. Astute Networks is located in San Diego, California and is backed by venture capital firms including Tallwood Venture Capital, Sevin Rosen Funds, Scale Venture Partners, KeyNote Ventures, U.S. Venture Partners and Narra Venture Capital. Additional information is available at www.astutenetworks.com. Astute Networks - Edge Storage Made Simple™

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