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AVONDALE PARTNERS TO HOST TWO MAJOR NYC CONFERENCES IN MAY

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (May 5, 2010) – Avondale Partners, LLC, a national investment banking firm, will host two major conferences in New York City this month, its inaugural Network Convergence Conference and its third annual Corrections Conference, announced Pat Shepherd, managing partner.

The Network Convergence conference will be held Tuesday, May 11 at the Omni Berkshire Place, and it is designed to bring together institutional investors and industry executives from 10 companies in the communications equipment manufacturing industry, including:

ARRIS, ADC Telecommunications, ADTRAN, Big Band Network, CommScope, Concurrent, Harmonic, OCCAM Networks, SeaChange and Verimatrix.

The Corrections Conference will be held Wednesday, May 19 at the Millennium-Broadway, bringing together institutional investors and industry executives from 11 companies in the Correctional industry. Those companies include:

America Service Group, Community Education Centers, Cornell Companies, Correction Corporation of America, Correctional Healthcare Companies, Inland Public Properties, MHM Services, Inc., Nobili & Associates, The Da Vinci Group, The Geo Group and Reason Foundation.

“These two arenas continue to develop rapidly,” Shepherd said. “Networks continue to merge voice, data and new applications which present opportunities for a wide range of businesses, while the privatized corrections space addresses what may be a prolonged era of stressed public sector. We created these conferences so that we could introduce or enhance the relationship between institutional investors from across the United States and key executives of these companies, and to provide a better understanding of the industries and the potential for investment.”

The format for both conferences includes group presentations by the companies and one on one meetings. The Corrections Conference will also include a panel discussion. Registration information can be found at the Avondale Partners web site, www.avondalepartnersllc.com.

Avondale Partners, LLC is a leading, full-service institutional investment bank headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., with offices in Baltimore, Boston, San Diego, San Francisco and St. Louis. The firm focuses on providing high-quality equity research, sales and trading and investment banking services to institutional clients throughout the U.S., Canada and Europe. Since its inception in the summer of 2001, Avondale Partners has executed approximately 70 investment banking transactions and assignments for its clients, exceeding a total value of \$13 billion, including public debt and equity offerings, private placements and merger and acquisition transactions. More information on Avondale Partners can be found at its web site, www.avondalepartnersllc.com.