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NEC Solutions America Promotes Maureen Schmidt to Senior Director of North American Sales, Visual Systems Division

CHICAGO, April 20, 2005 – NEC Solutions (America), Inc., Visual Systems Division (VSD), a leader in commercial and residential large area projectors and plasma displays, announces that Maureen Schmidt has been promoted to senior director of North American sales. Previously, Maureen was the director of sales for the distribution channel.

“Over the past two years at NEC, as a member of our senior staff, Maureen has been instrumental in helping us achieve our aggressive business goals,” said Pierre Richer, senior vice president, NEC Solutions America, Visual Systems Division. “I am confident that due to Maureen’s excellent sales record and industry experience, we will succeed in becoming #1 in the industry for projectors and plasma displays!”

As senior director of North American sales, Schmidt will lead NEC’s experienced sales team responsible for Pro AV, PC Distribution, Retail and OEM channels.

Schmidt joined NEC in May, 2003 as director of sales, Distribution Channel, responsible for revenue for the distribution, mass reseller and retail channel in the United States. Schmidt also helped expand NEC VSD by adding two new channels of distribution -- office retail and home entertainment -- while consistently delivering NEC’s goal of 20% market share in the commercial plasma market.

Schmidt’s career includes extensive experience in designing, planning and executing channel strategies. Before joining NEC, she served as director of channel sales at InFocus Corporation, where she was responsible for channel sales and revenue for seven years. Prior to InFocus, Schmidt worked in the sales and marketing departments for more than a decade at Mitsubishi Electronics America.

Schmidt resides in Littleton, Colorado with her family.

NEC’s broad line of digital projectors and plasma displays feature crystal clear images that work every time. For further information, please visit www.necvisualsystems.com or call 1-800-NEC-INFO.

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NEC Solutions (America), Inc. is a premier provider of integrated solutions for the Connected Enterprise in North America. As an affiliate of NEC Corporation (NASDAQ: NIPNY) (FTSE: 6701q.1), NEC Solutions America taps into a global resource network to help clients leverage technology to achieve a competitive edge. From corporate performance management and biometric security solutions to digital cinema and in-theatre advertising systems, visual displays and server solutions, the expertise is delivered with the personal attention needed to address individual situations. With headquarters in Rancho Cordova, California, NEC Solutions America serves a wide range of markets, including the health care and public safety, financial services, cinema, retail and manufacturing markets. Information regarding NEC Solutions America can be found at www.necsam.com.

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