



## **ARE YOU RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS ON OBSOLETE TECHNOLOGY?**

*Voice Smart Networks Advises  
Customers on the Dangers of  
Operating on a Manufacturer  
Discontinued Phone System*

LOS ANGELES/VENTURA/ORANGE COUNTY/SAN DIEGO – January 29, 2013 – The world of unified communications is centered on the idea of leveraging powerful technologies and applications to boost productivity. When individual employees have superior tools they are able to do more with less and increase bottom-line profitability. However, many businesses are becoming increasingly familiar with the concept of planned obsolescence, which is a policy of planning or designing a product with a limited useful life, so it will become obsolete, unfashionable or no longer functional after a certain period of time. Phone systems and data networks are beginning to show signs of planned obsolescence and business owners are beginning to reexamine their communications infrastructure. Small to medium-sized businesses (SMBs) need to take a close look at their phone systems to evaluate when obsolescence will strike and what steps they can take to avoid this.

Many of the existing phone systems that businesses are currently running have been

discontinued and no longer supported by the manufacturer. This basically means that the technology has run its course, stopped being manufactured and is becoming exceedingly difficult to service. In other words, if a business is running its communications infrastructure on obsolete technology, when it breaks down there won't be anyone to help fix it. This is a giant risk that business owners are taking when their customer relationships are on the line. An outdated phone system will ultimately crash. Businesses cannot afford to go down and cut off all contact with their customers.

“Here at Voice Smart Networks, we are educating companies on the risks associated with manufacturer discontinued phone systems as well as their options for new technology,” stated Mark Wadnizak, Partner of Voice Smart Networks. “This is an exciting time in our industry because with the advent of SIP (session initiation protocol) many companies can easily cost justify the adoption of today's technology. Plus, these businesses will benefit from applications and features designed to increase their profitability, enhance their employees' productivity, and give them a competitive advantage, something their outdated phone system cannot do.”

### **ABOUT VOICE SMART NETWORKS**

Founded in 1982, Voice Smart Networks is Southern California's leading data and voice company. The company's mission is to increase its customers' profitability, improve their productivity and give them a competitive advantage by implementing the right technology. Voice Smart Networks is the only provider that protects its customers from the two risks of technology - obsolescence and cost. As its customers' trusted technology advisor, Voice Smart Networks has earned the position as the market leader and its customers' business through quality products and services.

As a premier member of Technology Assurance Group, Voice Smart Networks is able to fulfill all of its customers' technology needs. This means that the organization is the ultimate resource for business phone systems (VoIP and Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) provisioning), Managed IT Services, Network Security, Video Conferencing and Disaster Recovery.

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