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Press Release

Neutral Tandem announces the installation of Chicago's only independent tandem switch.

Fueled by industry demand, Neutral Tandem delivers the first cost-effective alternative to the RBOC tandem network.

Chicago, Illinois. January 28, 2004: Neutral Tandem, Inc., a leading independent provider of inter-carrier tandem traffic, today announced the installation of their Nortel DMS-200 switch to serve the growing traffic requirements of competitive carriers.

Located in downtown Chicago, the switch facility provides transit and switched access services to a number of leading carriers in the market. "By providing a neutral solution that doesn't compete with our customers' own service offerings, Neutral Tandem is able to eliminate the inherent disadvantages of the RBOC tandem network" said John Barnicle, Chief Operating Officer and cofounder. "Competitive carriers now have a cost-effective way to exchange traffic with each other."

Recent industry trends including strong traffic growth among carriers, changes in local number portability, and increased competition for end-user traffic has created the need for an independent tandem solution. Neutral Tandem is the first company to meet this carrier demand.

About Neutral Tandem

Neutral Tandem is a fully-funded independent tandem service provider for wireless carriers, CLECs, IXCs and other telecommunication companies. Using only best-in-class technology, Neutral Tandem provides a neutral exchange point for inter-carrier traffic, a diverse tandem architecture, and significant savings to our customers. Neutral Tandem, a privately held company, is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.
