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■ **Alcatel-Lucent platform gives service providers more options**

Alcatel-Lucent's new 5965 Mobile Content Platform is looking to transform the way mobile content is provided to users. The platform's ability to target subscriber groups based on individual interests and behavior is expected to help mobile-service providers better cater to popular demographics. [Wireless Review \(Chicago\)](#) (6/13) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)



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■ **Verizon adds FiOS franchises**

Verizon Communications has announced two new franchises for its FiOS TV service: Newport News, Va., and Old Field, N.Y., on Long Island. Verizon also said that its FiOS service had officially launched in Pasco County, Fla. [Multichannel News](#) (6/13) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

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■ **Filings reveal Alltel talked to other buyers**

SEC filings reveal that **Alltel** was actively seeking a buyout deal in the months before its recently announced private-equity acquisition deal. The filings did not reveal the names of the companies Alltel spoke with. [The Street.com](#) (6/13) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)

■ **Ericsson strategy gives it an edge in China, India**

Ericsson is doing better in the emerging mobile markets of China and India than its Western competitors. Ericsson recently released several low-cost handsets for emerging markets. The company has also seen success on the network side, where it has embraced biofuel solutions for powering new transmitters and offered competitive financing for rural infrastructure development. [The Wall Street Journal/Dow Jones Newswires](#) (subscription required) (6/14)

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■ Group mulls ultrawideband over coax standard

The WiMedia Alliance has convened a group to consider whether it should draft a standard for ultrawideband networking over coax. WiMedia member Tzero Technologies recently unveiled a UWB chipset designed for coax and wireless transmissions with data rates up to 300 Mbps.

[Electronic Engineering Times \(Asia\)](#) (6/12) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)

■ AT&T taps Networkx subcontractor

Electronic Data Systems has been selected by **AT&T** as one of the subcontractors for a federal telecommunications contract. EDS is one of six subcontractors AT&T will use for its portion of the Networkx Enterprise contract, which was awarded last month to five telecommunications companies. [Forbes/Associated Press](#) (6/13) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

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■ Bharti Airtel starts FMC pilot tests

Bharti Airtel has started pilot tests of fixed-mobile convergence in India. It plans to fully introduce FMC service later this year. FMC will enable customers to use a single phone for mobile and fixed-line broadband calls. [Business Standard \(India\)](#) (6/14) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#)

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■ Microtek to distribute Wavecom products in Japan

Wavecom SA has announced that **Microtek** will be its primary Japanese distributor for machine-to-machine and automotive wireless communication solutions including GSM/GPRS and CDMA. [Forbes/AFX News Limited/Thomson Financial](#) (6/14) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)



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■ Raketu uses VoIP as foundation for new social-net portal

Startup Raketu launched its VoIP service Wednesday as the centerpiece of a social-networking Web site also providing podcasting, music, karaoke and chatting, among other entertainment features. Raketu said its offerings were completely integrated with one another, providing greater social interactivity for its users. [Red Herring](#) (6/13) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)

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■ Court halts NTT from selling stake in Sri Lanka Telecom

The Supreme Court in Sri Lanka has stopped Japan-based **Nippon Telegraph & Telephone** from selling its stake in Sri Lanka Telecom, which is the island's main telecom company. Last month, NTT reached an accord to sell 25.3% of its 35.2% stake in Sri Lanka Telecom to Global Telecom Holdings, but a petition alleging corruption in the deal led to the Supreme Court's decision. [Forbes/AFX News Limited](#) (6/14) [E-MAIL THIS STORY](#) [RELATED STORIES](#)

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