

## Nortel patent award ceremonies celebrate innovative spirit of employees

Reflecting the depth and breadth of its technology innovations, over the last several months Nortel has recognized some 653 Nortel inventors with awards for recently issued patents and patent applications filed.

The recent award ceremonies were held in eight Nortel R&D locations around the world, including: Ottawa, Canada; Richardson, Texas; Chateaufort, France; Harlow, U.K.; RTP, North Carolina; Billerica, Massachusetts; Santa Clara, California; and Galway, Ireland.

A number of the recipients at each ceremony were also honored with Cumulative Patent Awards for each multiple of five patents issued.

At year-end 2005, Nortel held approximately 3,700 issued U.S. patents and 1,800 in other countries worldwide. Since 2000, Nortel has

consistently been ranked among the Top 50 companies globally for newly issued U.S. patents, as reported by IFI Claims, an established source of U.S. patent data.

Nortel's patent portfolio reflects

the breadth of its R&D investment. Many of the patents cover standards-essential, standards-related, and other fundamental and core solutions in such areas as code division multiple access (CDMA), Universal Mobile



In Chateaufort, France



In Ottawa, Canada



In Richardson, Texas



Telecommunications System (UMTS), Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM), Synchronous Optical Network (SONET) and Synchronous Digital Hierarchy (SDH) transport technologies, Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP), Ethernet, and Multiprotocol Label Switching (MPLS), to name a few.

Reflecting a strong customer focus, current R&D and associated patent activity encompasses innovations not only in hardware technologies, such as electronic Dynamically Compensating Optics (see page 10), but also increasingly in software, services, and applications, including innovations that focus on how to put solutions together and create value for customers, such as Nortel's solutions in the healthcare field (page 51). ■