

Current Status and Next Steps for Geo-targeted Public Warning Systems

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Minimizing Disaster Impact

Disaster = Hazard x Vulnerability

"Effective emergency notification reduces vulnerability." ~ UNITED NATIONS INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY FOR NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION

What is Cell Broadcast?

Technology

- Point to Multi-point (broadcast)
- Delivers short text message to unlimited number of cellular phones
- Geo-targeted

Delivery

- Phone rings to announce message
- Message is displayed immediately -or-
- Message is placed in phone's Inbox (Depending on handset)

Database-Free

- Phone number is not used for message delivery
- No subscriber database required
- Area visitors also receive alerts

Targeted Delivery to Mobile Phones



- There are about 3 billion mobile phones.
- Usually self paid by the user.
- The user nearly always carries it (at work, home or holiday).
- The user charges the battery every night.
- The user repairs it at his own cost promptly.
- The typical user upgrades to a newer model at his own expense about every year.

Emergency Warning System Criteria

Trustworthy	Authenticate Authorize Verify		
Pervasive	Reach most of at-risk population (residents, visitors, tourists, commuters)		
Geo Specific	Deliver messages only to affected areas		
Affordable	Capitalize on existing infrastructure		
Timely	Notify maximum people in minimum time		
Efficient	Broadcast once to a million phones -vs- make a million individual phone calls		

Cell Broadcast Facts

- DOES WORK with 1S95 CDMA
- WILL WORK with 3G technology
- IS ECONOMICAL to activate
- DOES WORK with existing carrier infrastructure and doesn't require purchase of additional equipment by the wireless carrier
- IS PROVEN
- **IS** commercially sustainable

A Better Way—CELL BROADCAST

	Safe and secure	100% penetration	Geo specific	Existing equipment	Database free	Timely response
CellCast Solution with Cell Broadcast	✓	×	✓	✓	√	✓
Landline wireless	×	×	√	✓	×	*
Dialup wireless	×	×	×	√	×	×
SMS	×	×	×	✓	×	×
Email	×	×	×	✓	×	×
Fax	×	×	✓	✓	×	×
TV/radio	✓	×	×	✓	✓	✓
Signage	√	×	✓	√	✓	✓

CellCast Technologies' Aggregator Broker™ Solution

Available

- Exists today
- Enabled with setting change or minor hardware/software upgrade
- Most phones already have feature built-in
- No need to design or build new systems

Scalable

- Is a massively scalable messaging solution
- Can reach hundreds or millions in minutes

Geo-Specific

- Evacuate neighborhood by neighborhood
- Warn only affected regions avoid "warning burnout"

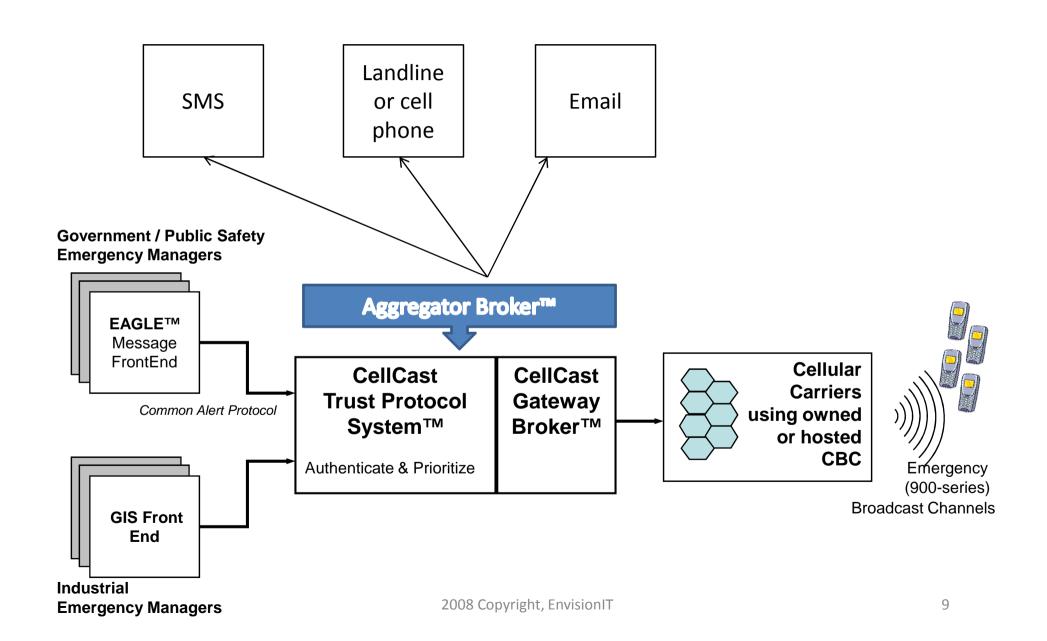
Reliable

- Works despite voice and text messaging system congestion
- Will not crash cellular network
- Point to Multi Point cell broadcast technology
- has not failed in any operational scenarios.

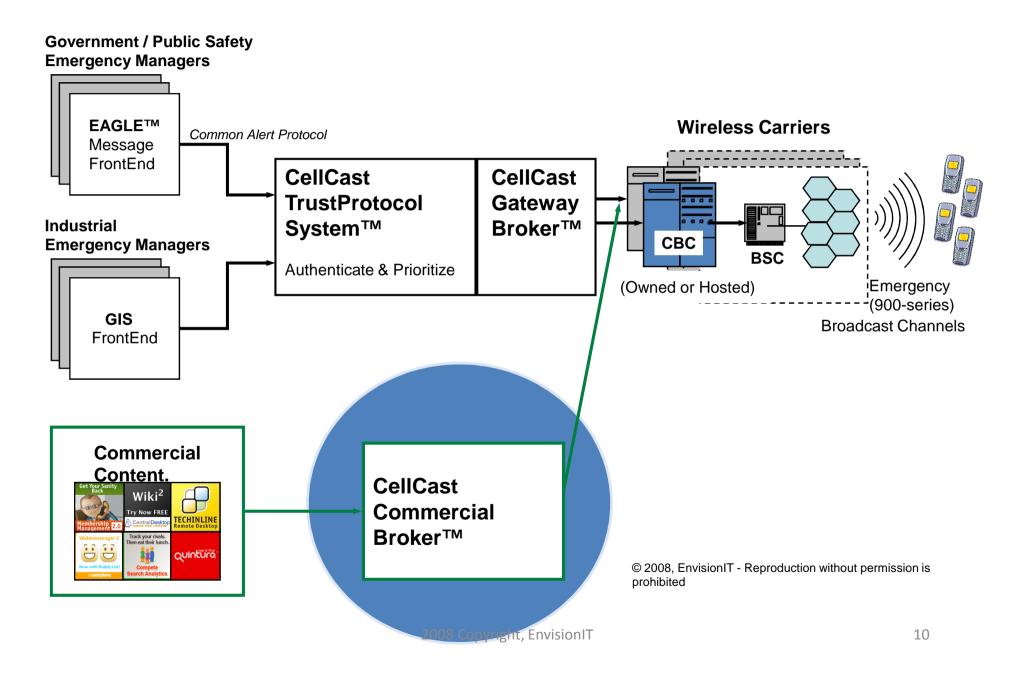
Trustworthy

- Protected against spamming, hacking and spoofing.
- Access limited to authorized officials
- Citizens are assured of message authenticity not possible in point to point systems

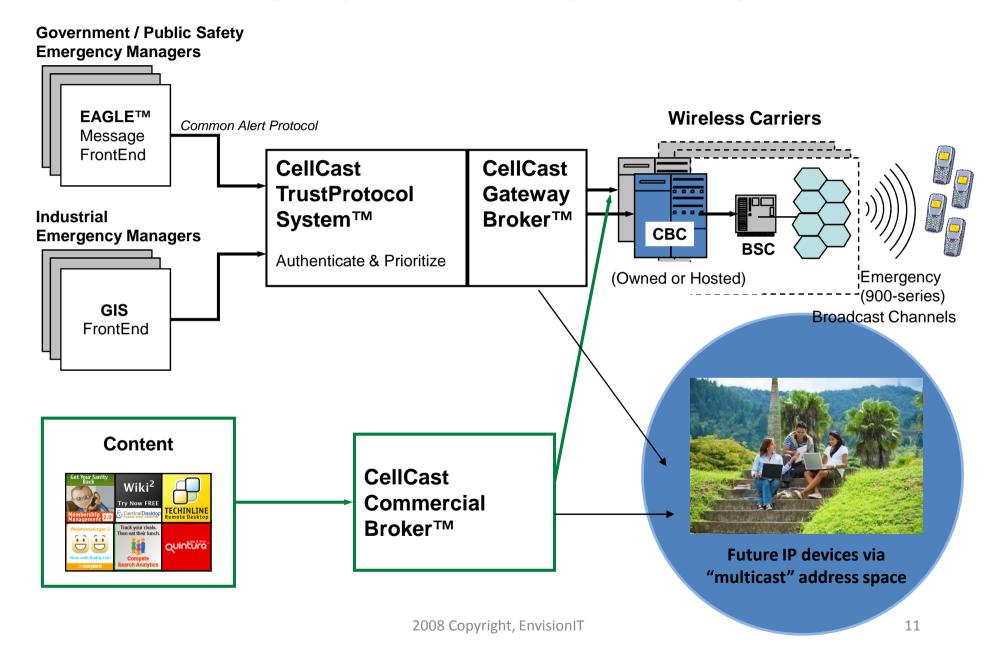
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Operational Cell Broadcast Systems

- South Korea
- The Netherlands
- Wisconsin, USA
- Turkey
- India

Harmonization efforts

- UN/ITU is a UN agency that is working on a framework for civic address space such as Cell Broadcast message identifiers, 900 block for alerts, 500 block for e-governance purposes.
- OASIS is working on Common Alert Protocol (CAP), which is supported by CellCast Technology Solutions.
- UN/ISDR is a UN agency which can promote best practices in warning the public, according to the Hyogo framework.
- An agency needs to be identified to organize and monitor the framework of multicast address space for civic purposes.

Regulatory Efforts in US

- In the USA, the FCC's designation of a Commercial Mobile Alert System (CMAS) includes that a 90 character text message be transmitted to participating networks.
- The FCC specifies standards for message origination, authentication and security. The network determines the technology to achieve geo-targeted point to multi point delivery.
- Participation in CMAS is voluntary, but non participating networks must clearly warn their customers if they are not participating in CMAS.
- A government appointed and monitored aggregation system will collect and authenticate messages for wireless delivery.
- The network will have no liability for message contents.
- Networks will be free to use the technology for commercial purposes provided there is no interference with the warning system's functioning.

Next Steps

- Identify an agency/organization responsible for becoming the registry for civic purposes address space in IPV4 and IPV6.
- Develop relevant public/private collaborations.

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