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DEREK Peterson, PhD, is chief technology officer at Boingo Wireless, the global leader in Wi-Fi. At Boingo, he is responsible for the company's technical vision and strategy. Under his leadership, Boingo is pioneering the adoption and deployment of the latest IT and wireless network technologies including Passpoint, network virtualization and convergence. He is directly responsible for building and operating Boingo's core technologies and systems, including web applications, client software, networks, authentication, billing, advertising, IPTV, business intelligence and IT infrastructure.

Dr. Peterson is an exceptional leader with the outstanding ability of bringing out the best in people. His passion, varied experience, knowledge in all aspects of IT and make-it-happen attitude makes him an absolute valuable asset at Boingo Wireless.

As Boingo CTO, Dr. Peterson is Boingo's lead technical strategist, and his vision for connecting the physical and digital worlds through the best wireless technologies available has driven standards adoption across the wireless landscape. A Wireless Broadband Alliance board member, Dr. Peterson has been a key contributor to the development of next generation technology and deployments, and a catalyst for industry change.

Among his many innovations and successes, Dr. Peterson led Boingo's effort to take on the challenge of launching Next Generation Hotspot technology, Hotspot 2.0, and take it from industry labs to real life with the introduction of the first commercial Passpoint hotspot at Chicago's O'Hare airport, followed a few months later by an additional 20 high-traffic airports. These groundbreaking Passpoint deployments introduced consumers to the automatic, fast and secure Wi-Fi experience, and encouraged major wireless providers such as Charter Spectrum to follow suit.

