BETHERDA, Maryland, United States—The Ambulance Service of New South Wales in Australia will begin rollout of a private Mobitex wireless data network early this year. The network will be the fifth Mobitex network outside the United States announced during the past 18 months.

The ambulance service network will initially consist of 35 base stations to cover its fleet of 380 ambulances operating in Sydney and in regional areas of New South Wales. Technisyst Computing of Brisbane is providing the technology that will help the service determine the closest available ambulance, dispatch it to the scene and provide details of the incident and patients' conditions. In the future, the agency can add wireless access to e-mail, databases and patient medical histories.