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BridgeWave Nabs \$10.3M for 4G Backhaul

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Wireless backhaul specialist [BridgeWave Communications](#) announced on Tuesday that it has raised US\$10.3 million in a new funding round.

[Intel Capital](#) and [Morgan Creek Capital Management](#) led the round, with participation from existing investors [Core Capital Partners](#) and [Cipio Partners](#).

The company said it will use the new funds to support 4G network deployments in 2012.

Founded in 1999, BridgeWave specializes in millimeter-wave backhaul and gigabit wireless connectivity.

Why this matters

The fresh funding serves as another reminder that backhaul is hot. It shows that the need for higher-capacity, lower-cost backhaul technologies appears to know no bounds as mobile data users demand ever more speed and capacity from new HSPA+ and [Long Term Evolution \(LTE\)](#) networks.

Millimeter-wave backhaul products, like BridgeWave's, that operate in high-frequency spectrum -- such as between 60GHz and 80GHz -- deliver high-capacity links over short distances, which can be attractive for LTE deployments. The technology has also emerged as a potential candidate to support small cells.

And BridgeWave isn't the only millimeter-wave vendor getting investors' attention: Rival startup [Siklu Communications Ltd.](#) recently raised \$19 million and gained [Qualcomm Inc.](#) (Nasdaq: [QCOM](#)) as an investor. (See [Qualcomm Invests in Small-Cell Backhaul Startup.](#))

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