

# UNIVERGE BLUE® CONNECT BRIDGE



## YOUR BRIDGE TO THE CLOUD!

TURN EVERY PLACE INTO A FLEXIBLE WORKSPACE

Bridging the gap between your NEC phone system and the cloud, so your teams can work from anywhere.

On-premises phone systems were built for an era where most work happened in the office, and voice was the primary mode of communication. In today's changing business environment, the traditional work style of going into an office everyday has morphed into a hybrid one... office, office & remote, or fully remote.

In this hybrid work world, some questions to think about:

- Is your current NEC phone system ready and able to fully support this new hybrid work style?
- Are you looking for options to better support your remote, mobile, and hybrid workers without a large capital investment?
- Do you currently use disparate collaboration tools to keep everyone connected?

If the answer is **YES** to any of these questions, then NEC's UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT BRIDGE is the solution for you.

### WHAT IS UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT BRIDGE?

UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT BRIDGE extends your existing NEC phone system investment with cloud-based voice via desktop and mobile apps creating a seamless all-in-one communications experience. It allows you and your workers to collaborate in the office, at home, or anywhere in between with integrated video conferencing, chat, and file sharing/backup.



### WHAT EMPLOYEES WANT MOVING FORWARD

**68%** want to work hybridly

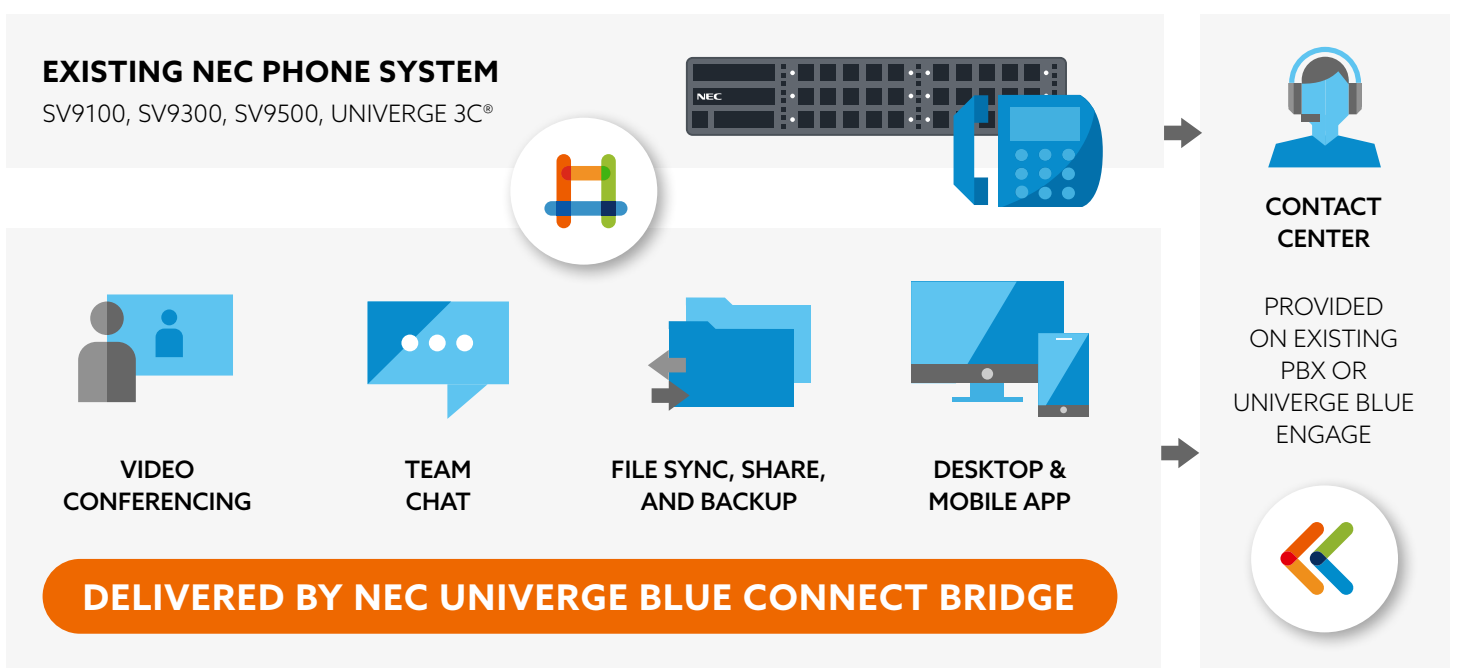
**11%** want to work onsite

**21%** want to work remotely full time under normal circumstances

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### HOW DOES CONNECT BRIDGE WORK?

CONNECT BRIDGE is a hybrid cloud/on-premises solution designed specifically for NEC customers. It seamlessly integrates with NEC's UNIVERGE® SV9100, SV9300, and SV9500, and UNIVERGE 3C® phone systems and extends your PBX to remote, mobile, and hybrid workers. CONNECT BRIDGE enables inbound and outbound calling via desktop and mobile apps, PLUS includes an integrated suite of collaboration services.



### WHAT COLLABORATION FEATURES ARE INCLUDED?

- **Team Chat:** Communicate with more than voice and email – use individual and group channels to have conversations, share files, and more with colleagues in real-time.
- **Video Conferencing:** Meet face-to-face and share your screen for more interactive and productive meetings.
- **Calling\*:** Place, receive, and manage inbound and outbound calls from a desktop or mobile device to stay connected.
- **Presence:** Real-time working status of colleagues (available, away, offline, etc.) provides more transparency and increases efficiency by letting users know which colleagues are available for a quick call, chat, or meeting.
- **File Sharing:** Easily access, share, and collaborate on documents securely from any location.

\*An additional integration between the existing NEC phone system is required to make/receive voice calls between CONNECT BRIDGE and the NEC phone system users or to/from the PSTN. To manage calls with external numbers, your NEC authorized representative will need to configure this additional integration between existing NEC phone system and CONNECT BRIDGE. IMPORTANT: This integration comes at no additional cost.



A RECENT SURVEY REVEALS A LACK OF CONSISTENCY IN THE USE OF TOOLS TO ASSESS EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE, WITH **ONLY 45% OF RESPONDENTS SAYING THEIR ORGANIZATIONS USE CONSISTENT TOOLS ACROSS THEIR BUSINESS.**

Pulse Survey: A Winning Approach to Employee Success, Harvard Business Review Analytical Services 2020

### HOW DOES IT HELP MY BUSINESS?

- Extends the capabilities and reach of your current phone system
- Brings all your business communications into a single, integrated, easy to use system
- Adds the tools your teams need to better communicate and collaborate from wherever
- Deploys quickly without a software or hardware update
- Enjoy one monthly per user fee **from the provider your trust** – NEC

### HOW DOES IT BENEFIT MY EMPLOYEES?

- Desktop and mobile apps make it easy to work from anywhere
- All communication and collaboration tools in a single integrated app
- Access to corporate directory
- Less time switching between apps
- Choose the caller ID number displayed on mobile devices

**77%**

**OF REMOTE EMPLOYEES REPORT INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY**

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### WHAT HAPPENS IF I WANT TO MOVE EVERYTHING TO THE CLOUD?

When your business is ready to move fully to a cloud-based Unified Communications solution, we'll transfer your entire business communications to the cloud with zero down-time and no interruptions to your user experience.

**UNIVERGE BLUE CONNECT BRIDGE** keeps employees connected and engaged while taking care of your customers and moving your business forward with powerful communication tools.

**ONE COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM. ONE LOW MONTHLY PAYMENT. CRAZY SIMPLE!**