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CenturyLink Deploys Infinera DTN-X for 100G National Backbone

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SUNNYVALE, CA -- (Marketwire) -- 12/04/12 -- Infinera (NASDAQ: INFN), a leading provider of Digital Optical Networks, announced today that **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) has deployed the Infinera **DTN-X platform**, featuring 500 gigabit per second (Gb/s) long haul super-channels on its nationwide fiber optic backbone. The Infinera DTN-X platform enables CenturyLink to enhance its nationwide next generation backbone transport network to support critical video, mobile, and cloud IP services, and extend its ability to deliver up to 100 Gigabit Ethernet services (GbE) to the company's data centers and customer facilities around the country.

The Infinera DTN-X platform provides CenturyLink a scalable, efficient, and reliable long haul optical transport solution for its network. Infinera's DTN-X uniquely delivers 500 Gb/s FlexCoherent™ super-channels and integrates 5 Terabits per second (Tb/s) of OTN switching per chassis, resulting in lower latency for mission critical services while lowering the total cost of ownership of the transport network.

"We evaluated the available 100G solutions for long haul optical transport and the DTN-X platform stood out," said Matt Beal, CenturyLink senior vice president - corporate strategy, product development and chief technology officer. "Our experience with the Infinera DTN platform has demonstrated a system based on quality, ease of use, proven technology and reliability. As a customer since 2004, we look forward to including the DTN-X as part of our next generation network and achieving the same positive results as we have in the past."

"I am delighted to announce the continuation of the long-term relationship between CenturyLink and Infinera," said Tom Fallon, Infinera CEO. "CenturyLink's selection of the DTN-X platform underscores the value of our optical transport solution for Tier-1 operators around the world. As operators upgrade existing networks to 100G or deploy new 100G networks, the DTN-X uniquely delivers the scale and efficiency required at the core of the world's largest optical networks."

CenturyLink first deployed Infinera's Digital Optical Network architecture in 2004 with the DTN platform, the industry's first optical transport solution powered by photonic integrated circuits (PICs).

The Infinera product portfolio includes the DTN-X platform, based on 500 Gb/s PICs and 5 Tb/s of integrated OTN switching per chassis, upgradeable in the future to 100 Tb/s of OTN and MPLS switching; the DTN platform, powered by 100 Gb/s PICs; the Infinera ATN, a scalable metro WDM transport platform; and Infinera Managed Services for global service and support.

About Infinera

Infinera specializes in Digital Optical Networking systems that are designed to continually improve the economics of optical networking by combining the speed of optics with the simplicity of digital. Infinera is unique in its use of breakthrough semiconductor technology: the Large Scale Photonic Integrated Circuit (PIC). Infinera's systems leverage PIC technology to provide customers with a service-ready architecture that enables faster time-to-revenue and greater profitability through network efficiency and the ability to rapidly deliver differentiated services without reengineering their optical infrastructure. For more information, please visit <http://www.infinera.com/>.

This press release contains forward-looking statements including, among other things, statements relating to Infinera product capabilities, advantages, and the current and planned future functionality. These forward looking statements are based on our current expectations. Actual results may vary materially from these expectations as a result of various risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, aggressive business tactics by our competitors, our dependence on a single product, our reliance on single-source suppliers, and our ability to respond to rapid technological changes. Further information about these risks and uncertainties, and other risks and uncertainties that affect our business, is contained in the risk factors section and other sections of our annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 6, 2012, as well subsequent reports filed with or furnished to the SEC. These reports are available on our website at www.infinera.com and the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Infinera assumes no obligation to, and does not currently intend to, update any such forward-looking statements.

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