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CenturyLink Provides Secure Cloud Connectivity to U.S. Census Bureau for 2020 Census

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 8, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) announced that it recently won a contract to provide secure cloud connectivity to the U.S. Census Bureau that will help digitize the 2020 Decennial Census.

CenturyLink's connectivity will support the public internet response system that will enable more than 125 million households to complete the 2020 Census online and allow the Census Bureau to access the responses via secure cloud applications for the first time.

The company will help digitize the 2020 Census by providing the Census Bureau with Managed Trusted Internet Protocol Services (MTIPS) at speeds of 40 Gbps or higher.

"Our high-speed MTIPS service will provide the Census Bureau with secure connectivity that enables it to move its 2020 Census to an online digital platform and carry out its important data-gathering mission in the most secure, reliable and cost effective way," said David Young, CenturyLink senior vice president, strategic government. "We're eager to help the 2020 Census become the first to be completed largely online, with about half of all American households expected to submit their responses digitally."

In addition to providing secure cloud connectivity, CenturyLink is committed to helping raise awareness of and participation in the 2020 Census. The company joins thousands of organizations, institutions and community partners in supporting the Decennial Census, which is the nation's largest peacetime mobilization effort.

The Census Bureau has a longstanding history of partnering with organizations across industries and sectors, from policymakers and community organizations to major corporations and non-profits, to provide quality data about America's people and economy to help businesses, governments, and civic organizations as well as to inform key

decisions, such as federal funding allocations.

MTIPS is a managed security service that provides secure connectivity to the internet and external networks. It enables agencies to comply with the Office of Management and Budget's Trusted Internet Connection initiative.

The Census Bureau task order runs from July 2019 until the end of December 2020 and was awarded via the General Services Administration's Network Universal contract.

Key Facts

- CenturyLink was selected to provide secure cloud connectivity to the U.S. Census Bureau to help digitize the 2020 Census by moving it to an online platform, thus supporting the agency's IT modernization efforts.
- As a leading provider of MTIPS, CenturyLink provides a highly secure, reliable and scalable MTIPS infrastructure capable of detecting and defending against aggressive network attacks while meeting or exceeding the federal government's strict network standards and requirements.
- By supplying cybersecurity, cloud, managed hosting and IT services over its carrier-class network, CenturyLink provides government agencies with the security and reliability they need to carry out their important missions.
- CenturyLink is ranked No. 29 on Washington Technology's 2019 Top 100 list of federal government IT contractors.

Additional Resources

- Learn more about CenturyLink winning a task order to provide MTIPS to the FCC's IT center:
<http://news.centurylink.com/CenturyLink-wins-FCC-MTIPS-task-order>

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is a technology leader delivering hybrid networking, cloud connectivity, and security solutions to customers located in more than 60 countries. Through its extensive global fiber network, CenturyLink provides secure and reliable services to meet the growing digital demands of businesses and consumers. CenturyLink strives to be the trusted connection to the networked world and is focused on delivering technology that enhances the customer experience. Learn more at <http://news.centurylink.com/>

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