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CenturyLink Wins Place on Connections II Contract

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ARLINGTON, Va., Dec. 5, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- The **General Services Administration (GSA)** has selected **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) to participate in **Connections II**, a \$5 billion, multiple-award contract program with a base of three years and three months, and six one-year government options, for federal government agencies to purchase telecommunications, network and communications solutions.

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Connections II meets the needs of government agencies and authorized users as they procure equipment, building, and campus infrastructure for their communications and networks. The contract program provides professional services to support existing federal networks, including customized designs and client-specific solutions. Agencies can also use the contract for transition planning and integration services or infrastructure installation and implementation.

"CenturyLink is pleased to add Connections II to the other contract programs it offers to federal agencies for acquiring services that support their critical and advancing communications networks," said **Diana Gowen**, senior vice president and general manager of **CenturyLink Government Solutions** in Arlington. "Through Connections II,

CenturyLink will provide customized designs and solutions for building the communications networks that agencies increasingly rely on to deliver their unique and critical services to the nation."

In addition to Connections II and **Networx**, the largest global communications contract program ever developed for the federal government by GSA, CenturyLink participates in other purchasing programs used by the Department of Defense and civilian agencies, including GSA Federal Supply Schedule 70, Defense Information Systems Network (DISN) Access Transport Services, and regional GSA contracts that support selected areas of the country.

CenturyLink ranks #55 on Washington Technology's list of the **Top 100 largest federal government contractors**.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States. The company provides broadband, voice, wireless and managed services to consumers and businesses across the country. It also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink™ Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. In addition, the company provides data, voice and managed services to enterprise, government and wholesale customers in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers. CenturyLink is recognized as a leader in the network services market by key technology industry analyst firms, and is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises through Savvis, a CenturyLink company. CenturyLink's customers range from Fortune 500 companies in some of the country's largest cities to families living in rural America. Headquartered in Monroe, La., CenturyLink is an S&P 500 company and is included among the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information, visit www.centurylink.com.

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