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# CenturyLink acquires IT security services firm netAura

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Purchase signals continued expansion in managed security services

MONROE, La., March 30, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has acquired netAura LLC, a security services firm that specializes in engineering, developing and consulting on managed security technologies. The acquisition strengthens and enhances CenturyLink's managed security services available to business and government customers.

Herndon, Va.-based netAura has deep expertise, having worked extensively with U.S. government agencies and corporations on cybersecurity, security information and event management (SIEM), analytics and vulnerability management since it was founded in 2011.

"The combination of CenturyLink's powerful IT solutions and netAura's strengths in implementation services will enable our customers to continue to meet their security challenges head-on," said Girish Varma, president, Global IT Services & New Market Development, CenturyLink. "This acquisition helps us continue to deliver comprehensive security architectures to existing and future customers."

The acquisition further validates CenturyLink's commitment to IT services. Last month the company announced its enhanced **Managed Security Services Suite**, which helps organizations ease the burden of having to manage security in-house. The fully managed platform is designed to be the backbone for an organization's security services, including preventing, mitigating and responding to cyberattacks.

CenturyLink provides market-leading network, IT services and cloud solutions. The company's growing Global IT Services and New Market Development organization focuses on IT strategy and systems consulting, application services development and management, quality assurance and testing, as well as remote infrastructure management. Further enhancing its portfolio, in 2014 CenturyLink acquired **Cognilytics**, a provider of advanced



predictive analytics and big data solutions.

For more information about CenturyLink's managed security services, visit <http://www.centurylink.com/business/enterprise/it-consulting/security.html>.

### **About CenturyLink**

**CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL)** is a global communications, hosting, cloud and IT services company enabling millions of customers to transform their businesses and their lives through innovative technology solutions. CenturyLink offers network and data systems management, Big Data analytics and IT consulting, and operates more than 55 data centers in North America, Europe and Asia. The company provides broadband, voice, video, data and managed services over a robust 250,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 300,000-route-mile international transport network. Visit **CenturyLink** for more information.

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