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CenturyLink and Savvis Earn Spots on 2011 InformationWeek 500 List of Top Technology Innovators Across America

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MONROE, La., Sept. 16, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL), and Savvis, a CenturyLink company, announced their inclusion in this year's InformationWeek 500, an annual listing of the nation's most innovative users of business technology. The 2011 list was revealed this week at an awards ceremony at the InformationWeek Conference in Dana Point, Ca.

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CenturyLink was recognized for its ability to develop and deliver the technology to keep up with the company's continued growth as a result of its merger with Embarq in 2009 and with Qwest earlier this year. The company has grown to become the nation's third largest telecommunications provider and now serves consumers and businesses in 37 states. It also provides data, voice and managed services to business, government and wholesale customers in local, national and select international markets. In July 2011, CenturyLink acquired Savvis, creating a premier managed hosting and colocation provider with global scale.

Savvis was recognized by InformationWeek 500 for leveraging the social networking Jive software in a project that connects internally between company employees and externally with strategic clients through shared documents, blogs, forums, wikis and user profiles.

"We are honored to have both CenturyLink and Savvis earn spots on this year's InformationWeek 500 ranking," said Girish Varma, CenturyLink executive vice president of IT services. "We each have had great success in developing innovative communications services and delivering effective technology solutions."

InformationWeek identifies and honors the nation's most innovative users of information technology with its

annual listing and also tracks the technology, strategies, investments and administrative practices of America's best-known companies. The InformationWeek 500 rankings are unique among corporate IT rankings as it spotlights the power of innovation in information technology, rather than simply identifying the biggest IT spenders.

"For 23 years, the InformationWeek 500 has chronicled and honored the most innovative users of business technology," said InformationWeek Editor in Chief Rob Preston. "In this day and age, however, being innovative isn't enough. Companies and their IT organizations need to innovate faster than ever before to stay a step or two ahead of their customers, partners, and competitors. This year's ranking placed special emphasis on those high-octane business technology innovators."

Additional details on the InformationWeek 500 can be found online at www.informationweek.com/iw500/.

About Savvis

Savvis, a CenturyLink company, is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises. Nearly 2,500 unique clients, including more than 30 of the top 100 companies in the Fortune 500, use Savvis to reduce capital expense, improve service levels and harness the latest advances in cloud computing.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States. The company provides broadband, voice and wireless services to consumers and businesses across the country and advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink™ Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. In addition, the company provides data, voice and managed services to business, government and wholesale customers in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers. CenturyLink also 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 ranged 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.savvis.com or www.centurylink.com.

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