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CenturyLink announces global premium supplier partnership agreement with SAP for SAP HANA® Enterprise Cloud service

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MONROE, La., Jan. 20, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced that it has signed a global premium supplier partnership agreement with SAP to offer premium supplier services for SAP HANA® Enterprise Cloud. Through this agreement, CenturyLink's infrastructure and IT services capabilities will help expand the SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud offering and help customers achieve faster time to market for their transformation projects based on the SAP HANA platform.

SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud is a private, secure cloud fully managed by SAP and supported by global partners, and is offered for companies that run mission-critical applications in the cloud.

CenturyLink offers differentiated services through its ability to support cloud-based development/test environments, manage large-scale production workloads and provide metro-specific disaster recovery services, all enhanced by CenturyLink's advanced network capabilities. These services are designed to help businesses quickly deploy their SAP® application workloads to their global workforces through CenturyLink's international network, private cloud and managed hosting infrastructure.

"SAP HANA enables companies to make real-time, informed decisions about their business," said Gary Gauba, president, CenturyLink Cognilytics. "With the SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud service, we further help businesses move their enterprise applications to the cloud and innovate using the latest-generation applications based on SAP HANA."

CenturyLink's Global IT Services group provides a broad range of technology-enabled business solutions, including cloud enablement, big data-as-a-service, advanced decision sciences, digital commerce, managed security



application development and modernization, quality assurance and testing, and disaster recovery services. In addition, Global IT Services offers a suite of analytical solutions built on its **Model Controller platform** designed to operationalize predictive models.

"CenturyLink's expansive IT services and network capabilities provide businesses with extensive geographic coverage and essential components of enterprise-grade IT services," said Kevin Ichhpurani, SAP executive vice president, head of Business Development and Strategic Ecosystem. "These are key attributes for businesses that rely on the SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud service for their mission-critical applications."

Visit <http://centurylink.com/business/enterprise/managed-hosting/sap-hana.html> for more information about CenturyLink's SAP HANA Enterprise Cloud services.

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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