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CenturyLink names Vernon Irvin vice president of sales for small and midsize business customers

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DENVER, March 3, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) has named Vernon Irvin as vice president-sales within CenturyLink's Business Solutions Group. Irvin oversees the sales team that supports small and midsize business customers with bundled voice, data and Internet connectivity solutions, cloud products and outsourced IT support.

Irvin, most recently a sales executive at Time Warner Cable, Inc., is responsible for CenturyLink's revenue growth in the small and midsize business segment. Irvin sets sales strategies to expand relationships with current customers and attract new customers by delivering business-friendly solutions bundles, including the recently launched **Managed Office**, a user friendly, fully managed IT services, cloud and communications network bundle delivered with an enhanced customer care model featuring product managers who coordinate customer installations and training.

"I am pleased to join CenturyLink, and I am motivated to help businesses excel with a mix of reliable, high-speed voice and data networks, cloud-based business applications, and other cloud, hosting and colocation services," said Irvin. "CenturyLink's unique product portfolio addresses each point on the continuum as business customers shift from legacy infrastructure to more advanced technologies including converged IP voice and data networks, cloud-based applications, security products and data center-based colocation, managed hosting and disaster recovery options."

Irvin has more than 30 years of leadership and sales experience in IT and telecommunications, holding leadership positions at VeriSign, Inc., American Management Systems, XM Satellite Radio Holdings, Inc., British Telecommunications and additional telecommunications, digital media and IT companies.

Irvin earned a bachelor's degree in information systems from the University of Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is

located in Denver.

More information about CenturyLink products and solutions for businesses can be found at www.centurylink.com/business.

About CenturyLink

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