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## CenturyLink opens second data center in Toronto market

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MONROE, La., Aug. 27, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced the grand opening of its new data center in the greater Toronto area. Designed to serve growing demand for access to secure colocation, managed hosting and cloud services, the data center is CenturyLink's second in the Toronto region and fourth in Canada.

The new data center, known as TR3, is built to support up to 5 megawatts of IT load and 100,000 square feet of raised floor space. Located in Markham, the new facility has received **Uptime Institute's** Tier III Certification of Constructed Facility and Tier III Certification of Design Documents.

"Today's dynamic business environments require businesses to partner with an agile data center provider that offers reliable, secure IT services and outstanding support," said Ash Mathur, regional vice president and country manager for CenturyLink Technology Solutions' Canadian operations. "Businesses that operate in Canada partner with CenturyLink because we help them succeed by understanding and addressing their specific technology needs, as well as ensuring the continuity of mission-critical business applications."

CenturyLink has a longstanding hosting presence in Toronto, where it serves consumer brands, financial services

and other clients. The new facility brings CenturyLink's total Toronto data center footprint to more than 11 megawatts of IT load and approximately 185,000 square feet of raised floor space.

"CenturyLink's Toronto data centers not only support local businesses but also the company's growing base of international clients that require in-Canada hosting delivery," said Mark Schrutt, director, services and enterprise applications, at global analyst firm IDC. "CenturyLink's hosting solutions are enterprise grade, secure and delivered from a portfolio of solid, multiuse and globally diversified data centers that provide its clients the flexibility of distributing workloads between traditional hosting and public and private Infrastructure-as-a-Service environments."

According to statistics collected and shared by the **Toronto Financial Services Alliance**, the Toronto region ranks among the top financial centers and technology hubs in the world. **RMS**, a catastrophe risk management firm, hosts its infrastructure in several CenturyLink data centers, including Toronto.

"CenturyLink provides RMS with an integrated colocation and cloud solution to meet the security, compliance and agility requirements of our forthcoming RMS(one) risk management platform," said Paris Georgallis, senior vice president of cloud platform operations at RMS. "Our clients will be able to use the RMS(one) platform without worrying about the capabilities of the underlying IT infrastructure. Together with CenturyLink, we have built a highly robust infrastructure."

CenturyLink operates 57 data centers worldwide, including Canadian facilities in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. For more information on the new Toronto data center, visit <http://www.centurylinktechnology.com/data-centers/north-america/toronto>.

### **About CenturyLink Technology Solutions**

CenturyLink Technology Solutions delivers innovative managed services for global businesses on virtual, dedicated and colocation platforms. For more information, visit [www.centurylink.com/technology](http://www.centurylink.com/technology).

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CenturyLink is the third largest telecommunications company in the United States and is recognized as a leader in the network services market by technology industry analyst firms. The company is a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprise customers. CenturyLink provides data, voice and managed services in local, national and select international markets through its high-quality advanced fiber optic network and multiple data centers for businesses and consumers. The company also offers advanced entertainment services under the CenturyLink® Prism™ TV and DIRECTV brands. 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](http://www.centurylink.com).

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