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CenturyLink recognized in Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service

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MONROE, La., May 30, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has been recognized by analyst firm Gartner Inc. in the **Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service**.

"We believe that CenturyLink's recognition in the Gartner Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service underscores our success in delivering innovative cloud services that are both IT ready and developer friendly," said Andrew Higginbotham, senior vice president, cloud and technology, at CenturyLink Technology Solutions.

"Businesses recognize CenturyLink Cloud delivers tremendous price-performance value while enabling hybrid IT solutions integrating CenturyLink's network, colocation and managed services."

During the past year, CenturyLink has added to its industry-recognized managed hosting and colocation business with new cloud capabilities through the acquisitions of **AppFog** and **Tier 3**, merging them with Savvis and forming the **CenturyLink Technology Solutions** business unit. CenturyLink recently announced **new CenturyLink Cloud pricing and support models**.

CenturyLink is positioned in the "visionaries" quadrant in the Magic Quadrant report, which notes, "... the most visionary providers tried to provide customers with capabilities beyond mere infrastructure rental, reinventing the relationship between infrastructure, applications, and management."

Gartner analysts Lydia Leong, Douglas Toombs, Bob Gill, Gregor Petri and Tiny Haynes authored the Magic Quadrant for Cloud Infrastructure as a Service report, published on May 28, 2014. Evaluation for the report was based on vendors' completeness of vision, including market understanding, offering strategy and innovation, among other criteria. The Magic Quadrant also assesses ability to execute, which includes capabilities, overall viability and customer experience.

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.

About CenturyLink

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.

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