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CenturyLink wins VMware Cloud Provider 2016 Global Partner Innovation Award

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MONROE, La., June 20, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- **CenturyLink, Inc.** (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has been honored as a winner of a VMware 2016 Global Partner Innovation Award in the Cloud Provider category. CenturyLink was recognized at VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017, held recently in Ranchos Palos Verdes, Calif.

"We are proud of this award because it highlights our success in cloud, including our recent launch of the cloud-agnostic **CenturyLink Cloud Application Manager**, combined with our long-standing and **expanded collaboration** with VMware," said Bill Corbin, senior vice president, Alliances and Strategic Partnerships for CenturyLink.

"Customers today have more choice, flexibility and cost options than ever before as they manage their digital transformation. Through our work with VMware, we have helped customers innovate and achieve their transformation goals."

"VMware is pleased to recognize this year's Global Partner Innovation Award winners, which are given to a select group of partners for their exceptional efforts in 2016," said Geoff Waters, vice president, Global Cloud Sales, VMware. "VMware is proud to see CenturyLink win Cloud Provider Partner of the Year for North America and global, and we look forward to our continued collaboration."

Recipients of a Global VMware Partner Innovation Award **were acknowledged** in 21 categories for outstanding performance and distinctive achievements during 2016.

About VMware Partner Leadership Summit

VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017 offered VMware partners the opportunity to engage with VMware executives and industry peers to explore business opportunities, customer use cases, solution practices and partnering best practices. An invitation-only event, VMware Partner Leadership Summit 2017 provided partners with resources to develop and execute comprehensive go-to-market plans in 2017 and beyond. The event

concluded with awards ceremonies recognizing exemplary achievements in the VMware Partner ecosystem.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is a global communications and IT services company focused on connecting its customers to the power of the digital world. CenturyLink offers network and data systems management, big data analytics, managed security services, hosting, cloud, and IT consulting services. The company provides broadband, voice, video, advanced data and managed network services over a robust 265,000-route-mile U.S. fiber network and a 360,000-route-mile international transport network. Visit **CenturyLink** for more information.

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