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CenturyLink's 1 Gbps service is now available to 33,000 business locations in Oregon

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PORTLAND, Ore., May 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced the availability of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) fiber speeds to more than 9,000 additional business locations across the state enabling a total of 33,000 business locations throughout Oregon with gigabit service. This deployment is part of a national fiber network upgrade that expanded availability of CenturyLink's gigabit broadband services to nearly 490,000 business locations in 17 states.

As part of CenturyLink's gigabit service expansion in Oregon, speeds up to 1 Gbps are also now available to select business locations in a number of communities, including Bend, Eugene, Portland and Salem.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer access to ultra-fast fiber broadband speeds of one gigabit per second to our business customers in Oregon," said Darrion Bowers, CenturyLink vice president of operations for Oregon and southwest Washington. "Many businesses rely on fast Internet speeds to maintain their competitive edge in the market, and CenturyLink is committed to helping them harness the bandwidth they need to be successful."

High-speed broadband connectivity makes it easier for businesses to work in the cloud, upload and download large multimedia files, stream video content and back-up data in real time. With symmetrical upload and download speeds of up to 1 Gbps, fiber service from CenturyLink outperforms the slower upload speeds available through basic business broadband providers, including many cable companies.

"CenturyLink's investment in one gigabit service in Bend translates to a level playing field with tier one metros including San Francisco, Portland and Seattle for telecom and data. Fiber connectivity – performance and scalability – has become a major selling point for companies EDCO is working with to move to the region and for growing businesses already operating here. This is a big win for our area, which is leading Oregon's job growth," said Roger Lee, executive director, Economic Development for Central Oregon.

CenturyLink uses Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTP) technology to provide speeds of up to 1 Gbps to businesses located near the company's fiber network backbone or in fiber-fed multi-tenant unit office buildings.

In addition to providing fiber connectivity, CenturyLink can manage a range of IT services for small and mid-sized business customers. CenturyLink's **Managed Office** is a complete IT and phone system solution that includes managed voice, data, security, infrastructure and cloud-based business applications for a low monthly fee.

Managed services from CenturyLink are designed for businesses that want enterprise-class IT capabilities yet do not have enough in-house time or expertise to implement and maintain new technology. CenturyLink handles the day-to-day work of installing, managing and updating IT systems on behalf of businesses, which enables them to shift internal resources to more strategic projects.

Business customers can visit www.centurylink.com/fiberplus to learn more about CenturyLink's fiber-based services, including speeds up to 1 Gbps, and to determine if service is available in their location.

In addition to business 1 Gbps service, CenturyLink also offers broadband service up to 1 Gbps to residential customers in Portland. For more information on residential gigabit service and to find out where these speeds are available, customers can go to www.centurylink.com/gigabit.

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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