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## CenturyLink's 1 Gbps service is now available to more than 19,700 business locations in Utah

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SALT LAKE CITY, May 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced the availability of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) fiber speeds to an additional 5,500 business locations in Ogden, Orem and other nearby communities for a total of more than 19,700 gigabit-enabled business locations across Utah. 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.

In addition to Ogden and Orem, CenturyLink's 1 Gbps service is also now available to businesses in new areas of Bountiful, Centerville, Pleasant Grove, Salt Lake City, South Jordan and West Jordan.

"We are so pleased to be able to offer access to ultra-fast fiber broadband speeds of 1 gigabit per second to additional business customers in Utah," said Jeremy Ferkin, CenturyLink vice president of operations. "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."

"Becoming a 1 gigabit fiber city will have a significant impact on the business environment here in Ogden," said Ogden Mayor Mike Caldwell. "The boost to our economy, along with our ability to attract new businesses to the area, will have a long-lasting effect that will benefit all citizens of our great city."

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.

"This is a phenomenal event for our city," said Orem Mayor Richard Brunst. "This will have a tremendous impact on

our economic development and will set our city apart from most cities across the country. This will play an unbelievable role in the well-being of our businesses."

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/saltlakecity](http://www.centurylink.com/saltlakecity) 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 Utah. For more information on residential gigabit service and to find out where these speeds are available, customers can go to [www.centurylink.com/gigabit](http://www.centurylink.com/gigabit).

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