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CenturyLink's 1 Gbps service is now available to more than 3,400 business locations in Ohio

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LORAIN, Ohio, May 18, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- CenturyLink, Inc. (NYSE: CTL) today announced the availability of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) fiber speeds to more than 3,400 business locations throughout Ohio as 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 launch in Ohio, speeds up to 1 Gbps are now available to select business locations in these communities: Bellefontaine, Defiance, Elida, Etna, Houston, Howard, Lebanon, Lima, Lorain, Mansfield, Mason, Mount Vernon, Ontario, Oregonia, Pataskala, Port Jefferson, Shelby, Sidney and Wooster.

"Businesses have trusted CenturyLink for years, now they can trust us with their most advanced IT needs as the technology landscape changes and cloud computing takes root," said Mike Brill, CenturyLink vice president of operations for Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. "High-speed broadband service is the onramp to the cloud and represents the future of efficiency and productivity for businesses located here."

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 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/ohio 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.

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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