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## CenturyTel to Participate in Analyst Conference

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MONROE, La.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 1, 2005--CenturyTel, Inc. (NYSE:CTL) announces that it is scheduled to participate in the following analyst conference:

Goldman Sachs  
Wednesday  
Communacopia XIV Conference      September 21

Conference hosts may provide webcast availability in some cases. For information regarding specific presentation times and webcast availability, please visit CenturyTel's Web site at [www.centurytel.com](http://www.centurytel.com), Investor Relations, Calendar of Events. Participation in this conference is subject to change due to unforeseen events. Therefore, please check the company's Investor Relations Calendar of Events prior to the conference.

Included in the S&P 500 Index, CenturyTel (NYSE:CTL) is a leading provider of a full array of communications services primarily to rural areas and small to mid-size cities in 26 states. Visit CenturyTel at [www.centurytel.com](http://www.centurytel.com).

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