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Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. Completes Installation of Texas Department of Criminal Justice Inmate Phone System

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MONROE, La., April 6 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Embarq Payphone Services, Inc. (EPSI) a subsidiary of CenturyTel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink and a leading provider of inmate communications services, has completed a significant phone system installation project for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ).

The project is the culmination of a multi-year effort which included a highly competitive bid process. The project was accomplished with technology partner Securus Technologies at all TDCJ state operated units across the state.

"The project with the TDCJ is unprecedented. Given the scope and complexity of the TDCJ contract, it is a significant achievement to deliver the service on time and within budget," said Paul Cooper, EPSI's general manager. "The project included installation of approximately 5,500 phones that will allow up to 120,000 inmates to make secure, controlled phone calls.

"Not only do Texas inmates have an affordable way to connect with friends and family members, but TDCJ now has a communications infrastructure that it can use to support its operations now and into the future," Cooper said, noting that EPSI installed new state-of-the-art network infrastructure within each TDCJ facility.

CenturyLink is a leading provider of high-quality voice, broadband and video services over its advanced communications networks to consumers and businesses in 33 states. CenturyLink, headquartered in Monroe, La., is an S&P 500 Company and expects to be listed in the Fortune 500 list of America's largest corporations. For more information on CenturyLink, visit www.centurylink.com.

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