

Level 3 Announces Amazon Web Services Direct Connect Support

Enterprises Benefit from More Efficient and Reliable Cloud Operating Environment

BROOMFIELD, Colo., Oct. 23, 2013 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- [Level 3 Communications, Inc.](#) (NYSE: LVL) today announced support for Amazon Web Services (AWS) as an AWS Partner Network (APN) Technology Partner. For enterprises addressing the complexities of establishing and optimizing cloud-based services, this partnership leverages the suite of Level 3 Cloud Connect Solutions across the global Level 3 network to create a more efficient and reliable cloud operating environment with improved application performance and network security.

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As an [APN Technology Partner](#) supporting AWS Direct Connect, Level 3 offers private network connections to every AWS Direct Connect location. Support for new Ethernet and VPN hosted connections delivers direct access to leading cloud services such as Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud, Amazon Simple Storage Service and Amazon Virtual Private Cloud. The combined network infrastructure provides an easier migration path for enterprises to effectively establish and scale connectivity between remote office locations, data centers and AWS to create a cloud ecosystem with greater flexibility to address evolving IT requirements.

The partnership reinforces the recently announced portfolio of Level 3 Cloud Connect Solutions, which offers extensive fiber-based routes with latency guarantees between enterprises and AWS to improve application performance. Level 3 also offers the flexibility of usage-based billing, allowing enterprises to take advantage of on-demand access to network bandwidth and services, while only paying for what is consumed. Additionally, Level 3 Cloud Connect Solutions leverages its private network connections to AWS, along with the company's expansive view of the global cyber threat landscape to reduce network security risks for enterprises operating IT services in the cloud.

"To do business in the cloud, enterprises have to solve their migration, security and performance challenges," said Paul Savill, senior vice president product management for Level 3. "The combination of Level 3 Cloud Connect Solutions and AWS Direct Connect make it easier and more cost effective to move, operate and secure enterprise applications in the cloud."

For more information on Level 3's services in support of AWS Direct Connect,

visit www.level3.com/awsdirectconnect.

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NYSE: LVT) is a Fortune 500 company that provides local, national and global communications services to enterprise, government and carrier customers. Level 3's comprehensive portfolio of secure, managed solutions includes fiber and infrastructure solutions; IP-based voice and data communications; wide-area Ethernet services; video and content distribution; data center and cloud-based solutions. Level 3 serves customers in more than 500 markets in 55 countries over a global services platform anchored by owned fiber networks on three continents and connected by extensive undersea facilities. For more information, please visit www.level3.com or get to know us on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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Website Access to Company Information

Level 3 maintains a corporate website at www.level3.com, and you can find additional information about the company through the Investors pages on that website at <http://investors.level3.com/investor-relations/default.aspx>. Level 3 uses its website as a channel of distribution of important information about the company. Level 3 routinely posts financial and other important information regarding the company and its business, financial condition and operations on the Investor Relations web pages.

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