

CenturyLink expands Unified Communications and Collaboration service offerings with Cisco Spark, earns Cisco Powered Cisco Spark Service Provider designation

MONROE, La., March 8, 2018 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) today announced it has secured Cisco® Powered Cisco Spark Service Provider (SP) designation, confirming the company's ability to support the complete portfolio of Cisco Spark solutions. CenturyLink has broadened its hosted Unified Communications and Collaboration (UC&C) solutions to include this cloud-based collaboration suite, which allows teams and individuals to meet, message, call, conference, white board and share, regardless of location.

"The addition of Cisco Spark meeting, calling and messaging capabilities to our portfolio, coupled with our global network reach, allows us to even better support the business communications and collaboration needs of our customers worldwide," said Craig Richter, senior director, Unified Communications and Collaboration, CenturyLink. "Securing the Cisco Powered Cisco Spark SP designation further reaffirms the commitment and value we bring to our customers from initial assessment through implementation, including all the necessary lifecycle support."

By employing CenturyLink for Cisco Spark solutions, businesses can minimize the complexity of working with multiple vendors and utilize a simple subscription-based purchasing model which offers predictable billing and the ability to scale services as needed.

"We only give the Cisco Powered Cisco Spark SP designation to partners who have the infrastructure and support services in place to deliver a premier customer experience, and CenturyLink has been verified after undergoing a comprehensive audit," stated Andre Smit, vice president, Cisco Global Collaboration Sales. "Cisco values its relationships with top tier service providers, and we are thrilled to be expanding with CenturyLink."

Key Facts

- CenturyLink is a Cisco Gold Partner and a Cloud and Managed Services Master Partner worldwide.
- CenturyLink provides Cisco Spark Meet, Spark Message and Spark Call (hosted and on-premises) solutions.
- In 2017, CenturyLink introduced two new solutions based on Cisco technology: [CenturyLink Managed Enterprise with Cisco Meraki](#) and [CenturyLink Business Wi-Fi](#).
- CenturyLink will be showcasing its UC&C solutions at booth #1501 at the Enterprise Connect conference being held March 12-15 in Orlando.

Additional Resources

- Why choose [Cisco Spark delivered by CenturyLink?](#)
- Learn more about CenturyLink's [UC&C](#) solutions.

About CenturyLink

[CenturyLink](#) (NYSE: CTL) is the second largest U.S. communications provider to global enterprise customers. With customers in more than 60 countries and an intense focus on the customer experience, CenturyLink strives to be the world's best networking company by solving customers' increased demand for reliable and secure connections. The company also serves as its customers' trusted partner, helping them manage increased network and IT complexity and providing managed network and cyber security solutions that help protect their business.

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