CenturyLink Expands Network Capabilities in Franklin, Tennessee, Providing Increased Speed and Reliability

Expansion will enhance company's ability to serve area businesses

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sept. 30, 2019 – <u>CenturyLink, Inc.</u> (NYSE: CTL), a leading technology company, is expanding its network capabilities in Franklin, Tennessee, providing increased speed and reliability, and giving more businesses access to CenturyLink's advanced technologies and powerful global network.

CenturyLink is extending its core network capabilities with the completion of the construction of an 11.5-mile metro fiber route to the new Berry Farms development. The expansion will include increased service access to the occupants of an additional 3 million square feet of office space (across approximately 35 buildings), 1.8 million square feet of retail space, and 1,100 residential units.

"Berry Farms and the entire south Franklin corridor is part of the explosive growth Williamson County has seen over the last several years," said Chris Clark, CenturyLink general manager for Tennessee. "Our team at CenturyLink is committed to helping our business community grow and to supporting the residents of the county. We believe this investment in fiber assets will help ensure the area's success and continued growth."

The CenturyLink fiber route is state-of-the-art and intelligently designed. The network is engineered to cover the development's existing and planned small business, mid-market, and enterprise clients, as well hospitality and mixed-use clients.

In addition, the CenturyLink expansion will provide connections to the Flexential Peak 10 NAS 5 data center in Franklin. Connecting to this high-quality data center will enable CenturyLink to provide cost-effective "on-net" services.

"Robust technology infrastructure is one of the key components of economic development success," said Matt Largen, president and CEO of Williamson, Inc. "As our business world increasingly relies on immediate knowledge, information and connectivity, partners like CenturyLink provide fiber assets that allow our county to growth in a sustainable and strategic way."

For more information about CenturyLink and its business products and services, please visit www.centurylink.com.

About CenturyLink

CenturyLink (NYSE: CTL) is a technology leader delivering hybrid networking, cloud connectivity, and security solutions to customers around the world. Through its extensive global fiber network, CenturyLink provides secure and reliable services to meet the growing digital demands of businesses and consumers. CenturyLink strives to be the trusted connection to the networked world and is focused on delivering technology that enhances the customer experience. Learn more at http://news.centurylink.com/.

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