## **CenturyLink to host Cybersecurity Summit on March 8**

Connect & Protect: Building the Digital Fortress in the Age of Cyber Threats designed to connect business, government and education leaders in a collaborative effort to combat cyberattacks

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MONROE, La., Feb. 15, 2017 /<u>PRNewswire</u>/ -- On March 8, <u>CenturyLink, Inc.</u> (NYSE: CTL) will host a Cybersecurity Summit bringing together high-ranking government and cybersecurity experts to explore increasingly complex cyber threats and how organizations can improve their security posture in today's digital world. The day-long event is titled, "Connect & Protect: Building the Digital Fortress in the Age of Cyber Threats."

Several cybersecurity experts from different backgrounds will be keynote speakers for this free event, including Dr. Phyllis Schneck, former Deputy Undersecretary for Cybersecurity and Communications, Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Steven Chabinsky, global chair of data, privacy & cybersecurity for White & Case, an international law firm, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards, and CenturyLink Chief Executive Officer and President Glen Post. Several other cybersecurity experts will also participate in panel discussions.

Date: Wednesday, March 8, 2017 Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. CT Location: CenturyLink Corporate Headquarters 100 CenturyLink Drive – Monroe, Louisiana

Event registration link: <a href="http://bit.ly/2lwNqaD">http://bit.ly/2lwNqaD</a>

**Who should attend:** Senior executives and those responsible for cybersecurity and risk management, business continuity, or governance and compliance within large corporations, small and medium businesses, federal, state, and local government, as well as cybersecurity leaders within academia and research institutions

"As a global network and security services provider that also anchors Louisiana's I-20 tech corridor, CenturyLink recognizes the importance of safeguarding against the increasing number of cyberattacks that are impacting businesses and government agencies today," said Bill Bradley, senior vice president, cyber engineering and technology services, CenturyLink. "We are committed to improving our customers' lives by connecting them to the power of the digital world, and a key part of that is a secure, reliable network." It has become increasingly difficult to defend against attacks on financial and customer information, intellectual property and an organization's reputation. With several different types of perpetrators launching cyberattacks, a viable cybersecurity strategy must address wide-ranging issues in order to be effective. Event attendees will learn about key cybersecurity issues organizations are facing today and discuss <u>tools and strategies</u> needed to help them better protect against cyber attacks.

For more information about CenturyLink's security solutions and additional upcoming events focused on cybersecurity, visit: <u>http://www.centurylink.com/business/enterprise/it-security.html</u>.

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