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EarthLink Announces Nationwide Data Center Footprint and Fiber Network Expansion

Launches Next Generation Cloud Platform to Meet Growing Demand

ATLANTA, Oct. 30, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- EarthLink, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELNK) a leading IT and communications provider, today announced plans to extend its core fiber IP network, expand its [IT Solutions footprint](#) with four additional data centers and launch its next generation cloud hosting platform. By integrating additional distributed data centers with an expanded IP network, EarthLink is creating an end-to-end cloud fabric to meet the growing demand for highly-secure cloud hosting and IT services.

EarthLink will expand its new cloud hosting platform into four new data centers in San Jose, Chicago, Dallas and South Florida throughout next year through agreements with leading-edge space and power providers. It is also enhancing its existing data center in Rochester, N.Y. with its next-generation cloud architecture early next year. The company's next generation cloud architecture is a state-of-the-art, integrated computing and storage platform designed to support current and future demands of the IT Services business. EarthLink is using best-in-breed platforms to provide [comprehensive IT solutions](#) including [cloud hosting](#), [virtual desktop](#), [security](#), [colocation](#), [back-up](#) and application solutions.

Leveraging geographically-diverse data centers, EarthLink is creating fault-tolerant enterprise class solutions with nationwide availability and high performing network connectivity. EarthLink will have a total of eight data centers which will be linked to its [nationwide IP network](#).

To interconnect this expanded data center footprint, EarthLink is extending its fiber network and adding next generation optical transport capabilities from Miami, F.L. to Virginia, increasing capacity in key markets including Ashburn, Atlanta, Charlotte, and Orlando, and building its fiber network into Texas, adding seven major markets including Austin, Dallas, San Antonio and Houston. The additional capacity will allow EarthLink to offer new native 100 Gig transport services across its diverse fiber footprint, offering customers the advantage of unique network routes for enhanced redundancy and network diversity.

"We see in the marketplace that the IT needs of companies are growing and evolving as they look for ways to virtualize their businesses and strategically maintain, if not decrease their cost structures," said EarthLink Executive Vice President of Products and Marketing Michael Toplisek. "As a result, EarthLink is continuing to evolve our IT solutions architecture, infrastructure and services. By providing regional data center diversity combined with our expanded national IP network footprint, EarthLink can deliver the performance customers need with the peace of mind that their data is secure in our cloud. Beyond cloud hosting, in conjunction with our IP and fiber network expansion, EarthLink is poised to deliver disaster recovery and business continuity solutions that are mission-critical to businesses in all industries."

About EarthLink

EarthLink, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELNK) is a leading [IT services](#) and [communications](#) provider to more than 150,000 [businesses](#) and one million [consumers](#) nationwide. EarthLink empowers customers with managed services including [cloud computing](#), managed and private cloud, and [virtualization services](#) such as [managed hosting](#) and [cloud workspace](#). EarthLink also offers a robust portfolio of [IT security](#), [application hosting](#), [colocation](#) and IT support services. The company operates an extensive network spanning 28,800 route fiber miles with 90 metro fiber rings and 4 secure data centers providing ubiquitous nationwide [data and voice IP service](#) coverage across more than 90 percent of the country. Founded in 1994, EarthLink's award-winning reputation for outstanding service and product innovation is supported by an experienced team of professionals focused on best-in-class customer care. For more information, visit EarthLink's website at www.earthlink.net.

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