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## EarthLink Names Cloud Solutions Industry Expert as EVP IT Services

ATLANTA, May 17, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- EarthLink, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELNK), a leading IT services and communications provider, today announced that Michael Toplisek has joined the company as Executive Vice President of IT Services. Toplisek brings experience in successfully launching a high-growth IT Services product strategy, most recently as President of Concentric Cloud Solutions, a XO Communications Company.

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Toplisek is overseeing IT Services product development, management and marketing for EarthLink's growing IT Services business which includes virtualization, managed security, application services, managed support and data center services. He reports to EarthLink Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Rolla P. Huff. Brian Fink, who has served as acting leader of EarthLink's IT Services initiatives, continues in his role as Chief Technology Officer.

"We have brought in a proven senior level executive to explicitly focus on our IT Services product line, which we believe is a critical component of our growth strategy," explained Huff. "Michael has an impressive track record leading product marketing strategies for technology companies and has driven demand for IT Services at the enterprise level. We will continue to invest in this area and are confident that Michael's experience will help us more fully leverage our broad array of IT Services assets and capabilities."

Toplisek has more than 20 years of progressive leadership experience in IT Infrastructure and the communications industry. In addition to launching a new Cloud Solutions business for XO Communications, Toplisek previously served as the company's Chief Marketing Officer where he developed, implemented and helped execute a growth strategy for the Business Service division.

Prior to XO, Toplisek held the positions of Senior Vice President Global Enterprise & Collaboration and Regional Vice President of Business Services for Global Crossing. He also held sales leadership positions at Frontier Communications and MCI Telecommunications.

"EarthLink has deep roots in virtualized services and is aggressively building on its organic competencies to assemble a robust set of IT Services," said Toplisek. "The company now boasts the unique combination of certified IT experts, state-of-the-art data centers and portfolio of IT services, in addition to a state-of-the-art network connectivity platform. I look forward to developing product strategies and tactics to empower customers to leverage these services to solve their business challenges."

### About EarthLink

EarthLink, Inc. (NASDAQ: ELNK) is a leading IT services, network and communications provider to more than 150,000 businesses and over one million consumers nationwide. EarthLink empowers customers with managed IT services including cloud computing, data centers, virtualization, security, applications and support services, in addition to nationwide data and voice IP services. The company operates an extensive network including 28,800 route fiber miles, 90 metro fiber rings and 4 secure data centers providing ubiquitous IP coverage across more than 90% of the country. Founded in 1994, the company's award-winning reputation for both 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 [www.earthlink.net](http://www.earthlink.net).

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