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CenturyLink launches Portland gigabit network, delivering speeds up to 1 gigabit per second

Thousands of residential and business customers will have access to the fastest broadband speeds in Portland

PORTLAND – [CenturyLink, Inc.](#) (NYSE: CTL) today announced that symmetrical broadband speeds up to 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) are available to residential and business customers where facilities are available in Portland through the company’s ultra-fast fiber network. This highly advanced fiber technology provides access to the some of the fastest upload and download Internet speeds currently available in the U.S.

CenturyLink’s 1 Gbps fiber service is currently available to many homes, apartment complexes, condos and businesses in Portland, Vancouver and Salem.

“In a city that boasts some of the top technology providers, it’s critical that residents and businesses have leading technology available to them,” said Chris Denzin, CenturyLink general manager/vice president for Portland. “We chose Portland for this next-generation technology because the city’s tech-savvy customers demand it. CenturyLink is pleased to announce the continued expansion of our service offerings here in the Portland metro area to serve business and residential customers.”

CenturyLink’s 1 Gbps service is equivalent to 1,000 Mbps. These speeds allow users to stream high-definition video content with little to no delays and download movies, songs and TV shows in seconds. Residential customers who have multiple devices connected to one Internet connection in the home will still have more than enough capacity and speed to support other uses of broadband such as online gaming and home-automation systems.

“High-speed Internet access is an issue of innovation, it’s an issue of livability, and it’s an issue of equity. We have been pursuing policies in the city that support a robust and competitive Internet environment. That’s not just a nicety, it’s about investing in what we need to be a fully competitive community”, said Charley Hales Mayor of Portland. “So we welcome CenturyLink’s announcement.”

Many small and mid-sized businesses throughout the Portland-metro area, whether located within multi-tenant unit buildings, strip malls or stand-alone locations, can now benefit from Internet

and data network upload and download speeds of up to 1 Gbps. The benefit to customers is increased productivity and efficiency while working in the cloud, sharing multimedia files, streaming video content and backing up data in real-time. By extending fiber-to-the-premises deeper into the business community, CenturyLink's fast fiber-based business solutions can help the city attract new businesses and drive economic growth.

“CenturyLink has been a key partner of the Portland Business Alliance for years and a strong supporter of our community. This substantial investment will expand opportunities for economic prosperity by better positioning our region to attract and retain jobs and increasing competitiveness for businesses of all sizes.” said Sandra McDonough president and CEO.

“Greater Portland Inc. applauds CenturyLink for building out fiber infrastructure that will increase access and help Portland businesses and our community thrive”, stated Janet LaBar president and CEO. “CenturyLink and GPI share core values in making our region one of the most vibrant and competitive metro economies in the nation.”

CenturyLink is delivering some of the fastest Internet speeds in the United States. Today's launch in Portland coincides with the company's business and consumer gigabit service launch in a total of 16 cities and extends the service already available in parts of Omaha, Las Vegas and Salt Lake City.

CenturyLink also offers residential customers broadband speeds up to 40 Mbps and 100 Mbps in many locations throughout the Portland-metro area. Customers not currently eligible for 1 Gbps service may qualify for one of these speeds. For more information, customers should go to www.centurylink.com

Residential customers can purchase 1 Gbps service for a monthly recurring charge of \$79.95 when bundled with additional, qualifying CenturyLink services. For information detailing this service and to receive updates on when the service is available in new Portland communities, visit www.centurylink.com/gig. Business customers can visit www.centurylink.com/portland for additional information. Interested customers can also receive updates by following CenturyLink Portland on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/CenturyLinkPDX) (@CenturyLinkPDX).

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