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## Comcast Business Services to Expand Fiber Network in three key Chicago Area business corridors

Expansion increases access to Ethernet, Internet, voice and cloud services, helps accelerate growth of existing area businesses and attract new ones

Chicago, IL – February 5, 2012 – Comcast Corporation, a global media and technology company, today announced an expansion of its fiber network in three Chicago area locations – downtown Chicago, the I-90 corridor from O'Hare International Airport/Rosemont to Schaumburg, and the I-88 corridor from Oak Brook to Aurora. This proactive infrastructure investment will give about 1,600 businesses the ability to access a wide range of Comcast Business Class Ethernet, Internet, voice, and value-added cloud services. The investment being made by Comcast is in response to strong demand for its Business Class offerings and supports broader community efforts to expand the local telecommunications and information technology infrastructure.

"Proactive investments in our technology infrastructure will help Illinois businesses compete in today's economy and in the future, as well as create good jobs and attract new companies that require access to high-speed, high-capacity data networks," said Illinois Governor Pat Quinn.

As part of the project, Comcast Business Services will be extending its fiber network to a number of multi-tenant office buildings, including the Willis Tower, the tallest building in the city of Chicago. The project will be completed in early 2013.

"The expansion of our fiber network reflects Comcast's commitment to providing the local market with the services necessary to compete at a national and international level now and in the future," said Jay Dirkmaat, regional vice president of Comcast Business Services. "Our goal is to help the local business community create more jobs and attract more businesses and more people to the area."

The Chicago area projects are part of a larger effort by Comcast Business Services to extend its network in targeted metro regions to expand its fiber footprint and the reach of its services to more businesses.

## **About Comcast Business Services**

<u>Comcast Business Services</u>, a unit of Comcast Cable, provides advanced communication solutions to help organizations of all sizes meet their business objectives. Through a modern, advanced network that is backed by 24/7 technical support, Comcast delivers Business Class Internet, TV and Voice services for cost-effective, simplified communications management.

Launched in 2011, the Comcast Business Class Ethernet suite offers high-performance point-to-point and multi-point Metro Ethernet services with the capacity to deliver cloud computing, software-as-a-service, business continuity/disaster recovery and other bandwidth-intensive applications. Comcast Metro Ethernet services are significantly faster than standard T1 lines and other legacy technologies, providing scalable bandwidth from 1 Mbps up to 10 Gigabits-per-second (Gbps) in more than 20 major US markets.

For more information, call 866-429-3085 or visit <a href="http://business.com/enterprise">http://business.com/enterprise</a>.

## **About Comcast Cable**

Comcast Cable is the nation's largest video, high-speed Internet and phone provider to residential customers under the XFINITY brand and also provides these services to businesses. Comcast has invested in technology to build an advanced network that delivers among the fastest broadband speeds, and brings customers personalized video, communications and home management offerings. Comcast Corporation (Nasdaq: CMCSA, CMCSK) is a global media and technology company. Visit <a href="https://www.comcastcorporation.com">www.comcastcorporation.com</a> for more information.

Comcast's Greater Chicago Region has nearly 7,000 employees locally and serves more than 2 million customers in central and northern Illinois, including the Chicago area, northwest Indiana and southwest Michigan.

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