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New Dakota Carrier Network POP will increase state-wide commitment and service options.

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(Fargo, North Dakota) –Dakota Carrier Network broke ground today for a fiber optic facility POP (Point of Presence) in south Fargo. This building will serve as the headquarters for Dakota Carrier Network (DCN) and as the hub of a fiber optic technology campus planned for this 11 acre site.

“We’re committed to delivering state-of-the art technologies across the state,” stated David Dunning, board president of DCN. “This new facility will give us greater control of what we deliver, plus will give us the space to stay on the leading edge of high-speed, networking options that we can offer North Dakota business.”

DCN has been leasing space for equipment from technology partners in Fargo. The new 11,000 square foot facility will serve as a central location for both equipment and the North Dakota company’s headquarters. Space for additional buildings at the site will allow for DCN customers to locate their equipment adjacent to the technology provider, creating a technology campus.

“The building site means we can offer co-location of equipment for the customers we serve,” stated Evan Hass, General Manager for DCN. “In addition, it paves the way for us to gear up for the next generation of information technology, including Internet Protocol (IP) based networks served by a Dense Wave Division Multiplexing infrastructure (DWDM). We will invest in the hardware and software necessary to give our customers the most advanced technology available, to stay ahead, whether you’re a business, health care facility or a North Dakota school.”

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In addition to the business customers relying on DCN's delivery of advanced technology, contractual arrangements provide services to government entities including North Dakota's 171 school districts and North Dakota Healthcare Association with the Bioterrorism Wide Area Network (BTWAN).

DCN currently operates eight POPs across the state of North Dakota, each acting as an "on/off" ramp to the local service provider for making the connections. The company provides point to point connections, ATM/Frame Relay and high speed Internet services on a statewide fiber optic SONET network. The fiber backbone makes it possible for all of North Dakota's businesses to obtain access to network with high speed capabilities. This high-speed digital facility is built as a diverse routed ring network, providing reliable high-quality service with a single point of contact for ordering, installation, repair and billing.

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