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123Net Partners with Telia Carrier to Increase Network Capacity and Support Michigan's Drive Towards Innovation

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., February 12, 2019 – 123Net, Michigan's premier data center services provider and host of the Detroit Internet Exchange (DET-IX), today announced that it has tapped Telia Carrier's 100G-enabled, number one ranked global IP backbone to provide scalable capacity and connectivity to the Michigan market. 123Net's expansive fiber footprint throughout Michigan includes up to 4,000 route miles of fiber in over 106 communities. Telia Carrier's new POP is the perfect place to connect the geographic reach and reliable, high-speed broadband capacity of both networks.

"We're looking forward to growing this partnership with Telia Carrier," said Bob Evenson, Carrier Relations Manager at 123Net. "It's exciting to be trusted by yet another international company and to be able to support their expansion with our infrastructure. We continue to see a high demand from regional, national, and international carriers to establish a point of presence at our Tier 3 facility. Being the largest carrier-neutral facility in the state makes it easy for not only carriers, like Telia Carrier, but also content providers who want to connect here and peer closer to end users. We hope to continue to provide solid options to carriers interested in the Michigan market."

Michigan has the most permissive self-driving car laws in the country and with driverless cars entering the market, the volume of data generated and used by these cars is incredible. According to a study from Intel, autonomous vehicles generate and consume roughly 40 terabytes of data for every eight hours of driving. Robust connections are required for the future of the automotive industry, and there has been tremendous demand for bandwidth and data centers in Detroit to support them. 123Net has made significant strides with its data centers to facilitate this evolution.

123Net is also experiencing demand for data connections from content providers and businesses in health care, engineering, graphic design, technology and finance. This trend coupled with the ongoing digitalization of business and its move to the cloud are driving significant demand for data center connectivity among Tier 2 and 3 cities throughout the state.

"Over the past several years, the auto industry as well as other businesses in Detroit have been focused on driving more innovation," said Art Kazmierczak, Director of Network & Business Development, at Telia Carrier. "These applications utilize the dynamic on-demand provisioning, and low latency performance of Telia Carrier's global network, enabling access to cloud capabilities at the network edge and empowering developing technologies like autonomous vehicles and smart cities in the supporting infrastructure. We see facilitating these technologies as critical and that's why we're excited to partner with 123Net."

About 123Net

123Net is a Michigan-based internet service provider focused on equipping businesses with industry-leading data center, voice, fiber, fixed wireless, and other network services. Home of the Detroit Internet Exchange, 123Net maintains the largest, private carrier hotel and peers with technology leaders such as Google, AWS, and others. For more information, please visit <https://www.123.net/data-center>



About Telia Carrier

Telia Carrier owns and operates one of the world's most extensive fiber backbones. Our mission is to provide exceptional network infrastructure and services – empowering individuals, businesses and societies to execute their most critical activities. By working close to our customers, we make big ideas happen at the speed of fiber. Discover more at teliacarrier.com

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