



Consolidated Communications Partners with Rural New Hampshire Town to Build Fiber-to-the-Premises Broadband Network for Residents and Businesses

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Company and Chesterfield embark on innovative, broadband build in New Hampshire

CHESTERFIELD, N.H., March 22, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: CNSL), a leading broadband and business communications provider, has announced the town of Chesterfield, N.H. voted in a recent, public meeting to enter into a public-private partnership with the Company to build a high-speed, fiber-to-the-premises Internet network directly to all homes and businesses with no associated property tax increase. Fiber-to-the-premises technology offers faster, highly reliable, broadband connectivity, which will be a significant boost to Internet speeds currently available in the rural town of Chesterfield.

"We were inspired by Chesterfield's enthusiasm and willingness to work with us on a solution to improve and expand broadband services in their rural community," said Rob Koester, vice president of consumer product at Consolidated Communications. "Consolidated Communications is excited to deliver high-speed broadband Internet service to residents and businesses in Chesterfield at speeds of up to 1 GigaBit per second."

New Hampshire towns were given the authority to issue bonds for broadband infrastructure when the state passed Senate Bill 170, sponsored by Sen. Jay Kahn and Rep. John Bordenet, last year. The arrangement is the first of its kind in the state.

"Having this type of partnership with Consolidated Communications provides a rural town like ours with innumerable economic development and quality-of-life benefits and opportunities that will, undoubtedly, have a lasting impact," said Brad Roscoe, a former town selectman who has been leading Chesterfield's broadband initiatives.

Consolidated Communications is working diligently to bring better broadband Internet services to other unserved and underserved rural communities across New Hampshire, Maine and Vermont using a combination of its own capital and third-party funding sources.

Last year, the company completed a significant broadband upgrade project delivering faster speeds to 500,000 residents and small businesses throughout Northern New England including 140,000 upgrades across New Hampshire. Upgraded homes and businesses are now able to get speeds two to three times faster than what was previously available.

Additionally, consumers now have access to the latest, on-demand streaming content including: [HBO Now](#)[®], [DIRECTV Now](#)SM, [fuboTV](#) and [Philo](#). The company's [MyCCIAccount.com](#) center enables existing customers to place new orders and upgrade services online. Visit <https://www.consolidated.com/progress> to find out more about Consolidated Communications' work in Northern New England.

Customers can check to see if Consolidated Communications broadband services are available in their area by visiting <https://www.consolidated.com/residential/internet>.

About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses, and wireless customers, and wireline carriers across rural and metro communities and in a 23-state service area. Leveraging an advanced fiber network spanning 37,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: high-speed Internet, data, phone, security, managed services, cloud services and wholesale, carrier solutions. From our first connection 125 years ago, Consolidated is dedicated to turning technology into solutions, connecting people and enriching how they work and live. Visit www.consolidated.com for more information.

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