



Consolidated Communications Launches 1 GigaBit Internet Speeds in its Rural New York Service Areas

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Company delivers fiber-to-the-premises technology that provides greater benefits to residents and businesses

CHATHAM, N.Y., April 05, 2019 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications](#), Inc. (NASDAQ: CNSL) today announced the company has launched 1 GigaBit broadband services within its New York service areas over a new Fiber-To-The-Premises (FTTP) technology, which will significantly increase broadband speeds and on-demand capabilities for residents and businesses.

"We are excited to offer residents and businesses in our rural New York service areas an incredible Internet experience through our 1 Gig Internet service," said Rob Koester, vice president of consumer product management at Consolidated Communications. "Customers now can take advantage of the many benefits and opportunities broadband can give them."

"We congratulate Consolidated Communications on its launch of fiber-to-the-home broadband service in partnership with the Broadband Program Office," said Jeffrey Nordhaus, Empire State Development executive vice president of Innovation and Broadband. "Broadband is a necessity for all communities in today's economy and this launch will further assist thousands of businesses and residents throughout the state."

Consolidated's deployment of faster broadband services in New York is supported by a grant from the New [NY Broadband Program](#), a public-private partnership designed to provide incentives to service providers to deploy last-mile broadband connectivity in underserved and unserved areas. Through grant support from the Program and its own capital investment, Consolidated has extended fiber-based broadband service to more than 10,000 business and residential locations across its awarded projects, along with an additional 5,000 locations outside the Program. In total, more than 30 communities have received new broadband access.

Fiber Internet services offer significantly faster, highly reliable, broadband connectivity that gives customers symmetrical speeds and the ability to connect multiple devices without sacrificing speed. Fiber supports gaming, streaming video content and uploading photos with virtually no buffering or waiting. It also allows people to work from home using a reliable connection that supports remote access and video conferencing, to create and upload high-bandwidth content and to take advantage of smart-home devices. The speed and bandwidth capabilities of high-speed, low-latency fiber Internet services also benefit businesses that can take advantage of cloud access and gain numerous efficiencies and time.

Installation dates are available now for these eastern New York communities: Ancram, Ancramdale, Austerlitz, Averill Park, Berlin, Canaan, Chatham, Cherry Plain, Copake, Copake Falls, East Chatham, East Nassau, Ghent, Hillsdale, Malden Bridge, Millerton, Nassau, New Lebanon, North Chatham, Old Chatham, Petersburg, Pine Plains, Spencertown, Stephentown, Valatie and West Lebanon.

Consolidated Communications also has launched Gig broadband services in communities in its western New York service area, including Brocton, Clymer, Dewittville, Findley Lake, Mayville, Panama, Portland, Ripley, South Ripley, Sherman, Stockton and Westfield.

Customers in these towns now have access to the latest, on-demand streaming content, including: [HBO Now](#)[®], [DIRECTV Now](#)SM, [fuboTV](#) and [Philo](#) and can use the company's [MyCCIAccount.com](#) center to place new orders and upgrade services online.

Residents and businesses in Consolidated Communications' New York service areas can visit www.consolidated.com/nyfiber or call 1-844-968-7224 to see if they qualify for fiber services.

About the New NY Broadband Program

Recognizing the importance of broadband infrastructure and building on prior State investments in broadband deployment, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo in 2015, with legislative support, established the \$500 million New NY Broadband Program. The Program provides New York State grant funding to support projects that deliver high-speed Internet access to unserved and underserved areas of the State, with priority to unserved areas, Libraries, and Educational Opportunity Centers.

About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ: CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses, and wireless and wireline carriers across rural and metro communities and 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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