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## Consolidated Communications Achieves MEF CE 2.0 Certification

### Certification highlights the company's ability to provide high-performance carrier grade Ethernet services

MATTOON, Ill., Aug. 02, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Consolidated Communications Holdings, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:CNSL), a leading broadband and business communications provider, announced today that it has achieved MEF CE 2.0 certification, the stringent requirements set by MEF, the global body that oversees standards for carrier grade, interoperable Ethernet services. The certification highlights Consolidated's ability to deliver best-in-class, standards-based Ethernet services that are seamless with interoperability and performance features no matter the location.

"This certification strengthens our ability to provide high-performance, carrier grade Ethernet services, having met the strictest requirements of large enterprise clients and carriers," said Doug Abolt, vice president of commercial product management, Consolidated Communications. "We're proud to have achieved this certification and be able to deliver scalable, reliable next-generation Ethernet services to enterprise and carrier customers across the diverse metro and rural markets we serve."

"MEF congratulates Consolidated Communications for demonstrating performance excellence through CE 2.0 certification of Ethernet Private Line, Ethernet Virtual Private Line, and Ethernet Access services," said Kevin Vachon, COO, MEF. "MEF CE 2.0 certified services form the foundation for service innovation and illustrate the company's commitment to delivering solutions that are optimized to meet the demanding needs of the digital economy and the hyper-connected world."

For more information, visit [www.consolidated.com](http://www.consolidated.com).

#### About MEF

An industry association of 210+ member companies, MEF is enabling service providers to create a global ecosystem of networks that deliver agile, assured, and orchestrated services for the digital economy and hyper-connected world. These services provide an on-demand, cloud-centric experience with user and application-directed control over network resources and service capabilities. They are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks powered by LSO (Lifecycle Service Orchestration), SDN, and NFV. MEF produces LSO frameworks, open LSO APIs, software-driven reference implementations, service specifications, and certification programs. MEF's work will enable automated delivery of standardized wavelength, Carrier Ethernet, IP, SD-WAN, and Layer 4-7 services across multiple provider networks. For more information: <https://mef.net/>.

#### About Consolidated Communications

[Consolidated Communications](#) Holdings, Inc. (NASDAQ:CNSL) is a leading broadband and business communications provider serving consumers, businesses of all sizes, and wireless companies and carriers, across a 24-state service area. Leveraging its advanced fiber optic network spanning more than 36,000 fiber route miles, Consolidated Communications offers a wide range of communications solutions, including: data, voice, video, managed services, cloud computing and wireless backhaul. Headquartered in Mattoon, Ill., Consolidated Communications has been providing services in many of its markets for more than a century.

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