Press Release

Network deployment creates new low latency transport routes to Washington DC, Buffalo New York and Toronto Canada.

First Communications expands its high capacity optical transport network by offering services to Washington DC, Buffalo NY and Toronto Canada with plans to add additional routes to New York City, Philadelphia PA, Baltimore MD and Ashburn VA.

Akron, Ohio, September 7, 2010 – First Communications today announces the expansion of its 1G, 2.5G, 10G and 40G Optical Wave Transport services to Washington DC, Buffalo NY and Toronto Canada from any of the existing access points on its network. In addition, First Communications is scheduled to add additional access points in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington DC, Ashburn and New York City by the end of the 2010. Once completed, First Communications will be capable of providing high capacity, low latency optical transport services over its diverse fiber network to over twenty (20) access points located throughout the Midwest and Mid Atlantic region.

"We are very pleased with the progress we are making in our network deployment," said Rick Poore, President of First Communications' First Telecom Services division. "We believe our unique routes and low latency provide us with a competitive advantage in the marketplace as does our ability to extend our network to additional locations to meet the specific needs of our customers."

In addition to newly added and planned markets, customers can access the First Communications optical transport network through a variety of other cities located throughout New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois including Chicago, Newark, New York City, Binghamton, Cleveland, Akron, Pittsburgh, Johnstown, Altoona, Harrisburg, Reading and Morristown.

"Development of our Fiber Assets is critical to the growth of our company," said Ray Hexamer, Chief Executive Officer of First Communications. The deployment of this DWDM infrastructure is the first step in enabling First Communications to provide superior communication services to a full range of commercial customers including Wholesale, Large and Medium Enterprise and Small Businesses."

About First Communications

First Communications is a leading integrated telecommunications carrier based in the Midwestern United States. Founded in 1998, First Communications has built a highly reliable fiber-based infrastructure which it uses to provide small and medium business, enterprise, and carrier customers superior voice, internet and transport services. First Communications' mission is to provide secure and reliable next-generation services that support the critical communications needs of its commercial customers. For more information visit First Communications on the Internet: http://www.firstcomm.com

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