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Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: LVL3) today announced that it is expanding its relationship with IO Data Centers, an Arizona-based provider of enterprise colocation and data center solutions.

Under the terms of the agreement, Level 3 will continue to provide private line and Ethernet-based high-speed Internet services to IO Data Centers' Scottsdale ONE colocation facility. With this expanded deal, Level 3 is installing a fully redundant fiber connection to IO Data Centers' newest Phoenix colocation facility, Phoenix ONE, over which it will deliver the same high-speed services.

Level 3's network allows IO Data Centers to deliver to its customers network connectivity up to 10 Gbps – enough capacity to transport 128 simultaneous high-definition video downloads per second – supported by Level 3 service level agreements. Additionally, this direct connection of IO Data Centers' colocation customers will eliminate backhaul charges normally paid to the incumbent service provider and increase the cost-effectiveness of network solutions provided by Level 3.

"Level 3's highly scalable network has made them one of our ideal providers as our customers' bandwidth demands continue to grow," said Tony Wanger, IO Data Centers' president and founder. "Our customers are looking for reliability and performance and Level 3 is helping us deliver just that."

"It's no secret that the burgeoning usage of video and multimedia applications is driving bandwidth demand, and Level 3's network is prepared to meet that demand," said Jeff Tench, president of Level 3's Business Markets Group. "We will continue to seek opportunities to expand our fiber-optic footprint, because, quite simply, businesses benefit from being directly connected to the Level 3 network."

Level 3's Business Markets Group leverages the power of the company's extensive fiber-optic network, metro assets, and locally focused sales and sales support organization to deliver a world-class experience to enterprise customers throughout the United States.

About Level 3 Communications

Level 3 Communications, Inc. (NASDAQ: LVL3) is a leading international provider of fiber-based communications services. Enterprise, content, wholesale and government customers rely on Level 3 to deliver services with an industry-leading combination of scalability and value over an end-to-end fiber network. Level 3 offers a portfolio of metro and long-haul services, including transport, data, Internet, content delivery and voice. For more information, visit www.Level3.com.

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