



Uniti Announces Dark Fiber Sale to Leading Network Infrastructure Provider

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Significantly Expands Existing Customer Relationship

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Jan. 31, 2022 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Uniti Group Inc. ("Uniti") (Nasdaq: UNIT) announced today that it has been selected by a leading network infrastructure provider to deliver high-capacity dark fiber connectivity to several key markets across the country. This custom-designed dark fiber solution provides our customer with better control and performance of its network and will include eight diverse segments spanning almost 2,000 route miles of metro and long-haul fiber, while connecting premier tier 1 and tier 2 markets from the Midwest to the Mid-Atlantic.

"Uniti has partnered with this long-time customer in the past, and I'm thrilled to be able to do so again, this time, on a strategic network project that supports their rapid business growth and expansion," said Greg Ortyl, President of Wholesale & Strategic Accounts. "This long-term agreement marks another significant milestone in Uniti's recent series of large-scale customer contracts and is a noteworthy illustration of how our scalable dark fiber solutions help our customers transform their businesses, as well as how Uniti continues to leverage its national fiber footprint for additional lease-up opportunities, further reinforcing our network growth strategy."

Aligning with its continued commitment of driving lease-up on its 126,000 fiber route mile national network, Uniti will also install five new regional colocation facilities along the routes as part of this project, allowing for incremental colocation customers. With twelve new data center connections in those same Midwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, Uniti will add strategic on-net locations, providing more diversity and connectivity choices for its customers.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended from time to time. Those forward-looking statements include all statements that are not historical statements of fact.

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Uniti expressly disclaims any obligation to release publicly any updates or revisions to any of the forward-looking statements set forth in this press release to reflect any change in its expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based.

ABOUT UNITI

Uniti, an internally managed real estate investment trust, is engaged in the acquisition and construction of mission critical communications infrastructure and is a leading provider of fiber and other wireless solutions for the communications industry. As of September 30, 2021, Uniti owns approximately 126,000 fiber route miles, 7.5 million fiber strand miles, and other communications real estate throughout the United States. Additional information about Uniti can be found on its website at www.uniti.com.

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