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Attica Consolidated School Corporation Installs High-Speed Fiber In Partnership With Indiana Fiber Network (IFN)

Broadband Connectivity Reaches Attica Consolidated School Corporation

Attica, Indiana—October 30, 2012—Indiana Fiber Network (IFN) is pleased to announce Attica Consolidated School Corporation has selected IFN in partnership with Education Networks of America (ENA) to deliver broadband fiber connectivity to their schools. The project will upgrade the school corporation from less than 8 Mbps to 60 Mbps, a significant leap in bandwidth—which means higher speed and capacity for critical instructional and operational applications that increasingly depend upon networks. “We are very excited about the opportunities this will afford our students. The cooperation from the City of Attica, Harrison Steel Castings Company, IFN and ENA was tremendous. I cannot express how grateful we are to the City of Attica, particularly Sharon Negele, City Clerk-Treasurer, and Robert Shepherd, Mayor, for their efforts in supporting the rural fiber grant project early on. The additional economic support Harrison Steel Castings Company provided the fiber build to Attica Jr.-Sr. High School completed the resources needed. Attica Consolidated School Corporation is fortunate to have a wonderful supportive school community here in Attica,” said Derek Marshall, Superintendent of Attica Consolidated School Corporation.

Geoffrey H. Curtis, Vice President and General Manager with Harrison Steel Casting Company, states, “Harrison Steel and our employees are pleased to be able to support the Attica School System. Education and growth are essential to the health and well-being of a community. We can only imagine the opportunities this network will provide the school system in the continuing development and education of our children.” ENA, the managed Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) provider to Attica Consolidated School Corporation, applauds everyone’s efforts in this project. Says ENA CEO David Pierce, “ENA is delighted to be part of a partnership that so clearly attests to a city’s, and its business community’s, dedication to its most important asset: its students. This significant upgrade in local infrastructure will mean that ENA will be able to provide even better data, voice and video solutions as well as greater value and service to Attica Consolidated School Corporation. ENA will make the most out of this investment in Attica’s children and community.”

“The City of Attica and Attica Consolidated School Corporation are directly benefiting from the 24 miles of fiber, constructed by IFN, which connected St. Vincent Williamsport Hospital in Williamsport, Indiana, to the Indiana Telehealth Network (ITN). The ITN is one of 50 remaining programs under the Federal Communications Commission’s Rural Health Care Pilot Program. The ITN is unique in its successful incorporation of this type of private/public collaborative effort,” said Becky Sanders, Director of Upper Midwest Telehealth Resources Center with Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA). Kelly Dyer, CEO of the Indiana Fiber Network, states, “Attica Consolidated School Corporation is a shining example of how great things can happen when an entire school community works together for the betterment of their

students and community. IFN looks forward to working with community leaders in Fountain County to help promote the availability of the fiber-optic assets and to market the excess capacity to potential users.”

About Attica Consolidate School Corporation

Attica Consolidated School Corporation is located in the Northeast corner of Fountain County in Indiana. They are comprised of three townships (Logan, Davis, and Shawnee) along with the City of Attica. For more information, please visit www.attica.k12.in.us.

About ENA

ENA is the nation’s leading provider of managed Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) solutions to school systems, libraries and governments. The data, voice and video solutions that we design, deploy and manage, as well as the digital classroom resources we offer, improve instructional capabilities and operational efficiencies. In 1996, ENA created one of the first statewide networks in the U.S. and today provides networked solutions to over 5,200 end sites, 555 school districts and 295 libraries across the country, serving more than 2.5 million students, teachers and administrators and more than 3.6 million librarians and patrons. Empowered by their networks, our customers can focus on what matters most: preparing students, strengthening communities and leading enterprises into the 21st century. For more information, please visit www.ena.com.

About Harrison Steel Casting Company

The Harrison Steel Castings Company is located in Attica, Indiana. Harrison Steel Castings Company is a world leader in the production of highly engineered carbon and low/medium alloy steel castings and a preferred supplier to many of the world's most prestigious names in agriculture, heavy equipment, energy, military, mining, and the oil and gas industries. Family-owned, Harrison Steel operates a state-of-the-art, technology-driven international engineering and manufacturing organization. For more information about Harrison Steel, visit www.hscast.com or call (765) 762-2481.

About Indiana Rural Health Association (IRHA)

IRHA is a not-for-profit corporation developed for the purpose of improving the health of all Indiana citizens in rural settings through leadership, education, advocacy, collaboration, and resource development. One of the programs that we administrate is the Indiana Telehealth Network (ITN), which currently has 72 participants around the state, including 24 Critical Access Hospitals, 4 rural hospitals, 5 urban partner hospitals, 5 Rural Health Clinics, 7 Federally Qualified Health Centers, and 27 Community Mental Health Centers. The mission of the ITN is to improve the health and well-being of Indiana residents through the utilization of a dedicated broadband health network to deliver telehealth applications including, but not limited to, telemedicine, health information exchange, distance education and training, public health surveillance, emergency preparedness and trauma system development. More information on the ITN can be found on the IRHA website at www.indianaruralhealth.org under Programs/Indiana Telehealth Network.

About IFN

Indiana Fiber Network, LLC (IFN) was formed in March of 2002, whose ownership is comprised by twenty local exchange telephone companies throughout the state. They offer data center, Internet backbone, and data transport services over state-of-the-art Ethernet, CDWM, DWDM, and SONET fiber networks, with service in the State of Indiana and throughout the US via a network of national carrier partners.

For More Information

For more information, please visit IFN’s website at www.ifncom.net or call (317) 280-4636.

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