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### **Great Plains Communications Expands their 5,000 Mile Fiber Network into South Dakota, Extending and Diversifying their Fiber Footprint**

April 1, 2015 (Blair, Neb.) - Great Plains Communications, the largest independently-owned telecommunications, last mile, and middle mile provider in the state of Nebraska is pleased to announce the completion of an extensive land and underwater boring project which has expanded their 5,000 mile Nebraska fiber network into South Dakota, extending services into Minnesota. This network expansion will allow Great Plains Communications to offer capacity to carriers, services to South Dakota and Minnesota based customers, and will provide Nebraska-based customers the ability to reach these new markets.

The project took place at the Nebraska and South Dakota state lines on Highway 81 crossing the Missouri River into Yankton, South Dakota. The overall length of the bore was 2,200 feet, with underwater depths reaching up to 60 feet.

"Great Plains Communications is a forward thinking company that is able to get carriers and business customers where they need to go by creating unique routes. Boring across the Missouri River is an example of that forward thinking philosophy," said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications. "This expansion will help stimulate the economy of both Nebraska and South Dakota. It will also allow Great Plains Communications to offer increased capacity to carrier and wholesale customers wishing to expand their presence and reach new destinations, such as South Dakota and Minnesota."

The 5,000 mile Great Plains Communications network encompasses the state of Nebraska, and extends throughout the upper Midwest with a multi-state reach. The company specializes in both lit buildings and custom builds with over 90 wire centers and interconnections with carriers at the major points of presence in Omaha, Denver, and Minneapolis. They offer flexible solutions from design through deployment. The Great Plains Communications self-healing, highly diverse network provides services from low end Switched Ethernet up to multiple 100G.

#### **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska. At the core of their service offering is an extensive, 5,000 mile regional fiber network with community access rings, last mile and middle mile solutions. The network reach extends beyond Nebraska into Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming, and is fully supported by a 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with a 105-year history of providing reliable and innovative solutions. Great Plains Communications prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of all regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, wireless carriers and other service providers utilizing superior custom engineering and custom build strategies.

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