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Great Plains Communications achieves MEF Carrier Ethernet 2.0 Certification

MEF Carrier 2.0 certification of E-Line, E-LAN and E-Access services further solidifies the company's dedication to providing top quality Ethernet and intensifies the strengths of their 9,500-mile fiber network.

August 29, 2017 (Blair, Ne.) - Great Plains Communications, the largest middle-mile and last-mile provider in the state of Nebraska has achieved Carrier Ethernet 2.0 certification from MEF, the global body that oversees standards for carrier grade, interoperable Ethernet.

"Achieving this certification is an achievement that Great Plains Communications is very proud of," said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications. "This allows us to provide our wholesale and enterprise customers with the high quality CE 2.0 Ethernet service the market currently requires, while positioning both our clients and our company to meet increasing future demands."

MEF Carrier 2.0 represents the foundation for future service innovation and is an important differentiator for wholesale providers like Great Plains Communications selling to CE 2.0 service providers who are looking to extend their reach over the footprint of network partners.

"MEF congratulates Great Plains Communications for achieving CE 2.0 certification of E-Line, E-LAN, and E-Access services," said Nan Chen, President, MEF. "The company has demonstrated a commitment to delivering a suite of services that meets the highest industry standards for performance and reliability."

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 9,500-mile regional fiber network including over 400 fiber miles

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in the Omaha Metro area. The network offers community access rings, last-mile and middle-mile solutions, fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with a 107-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. For more information, visit gpcom.com.

About MEF

An industry association of 210+ member companies, MEF is enabling service providers to create a global ecosystem of networks that deliver agile, assured, and orchestrated services for the digital economy and hyper-connected world. These services provide an on-demand, cloud-centric experience with user and application-directed control over network resources and service capabilities. They are delivered over automated, virtualized, and interconnected networks powered by LSO (Lifecycle Service Orchestration), SDN, and NFV. MEF produces LSO frameworks, open LSO APIs, software-driven reference implementations, service specifications, and certification programs. MEF's work will enable automated delivery of standardized wavelength, Carrier Ethernet, IP, SD-WAN, and Layer 4-7 services across multiple provider networks. For more information: <https://mef.net/>