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SMC Partners with Nokia to Bring High-Speed Fiber Optic Internet to Houston, MO Nokia FTTH Solution

Houston, MO: SMC partners with Nokia to enable internet speeds of 1 Gbps and higher giving residents of Houston, Missouri a broader choice when it comes to internet service.

This new, state-of-the-art fiber network, powered by the Nokia 7360 FX OLT, 7638 ONTs, 5520 AMS and the 7750 SR-1e ION router, comes at a critical time for this small, rural city. Now more than ever, affordable access to high-speed is critical for businesses with employees working from home, schools needing to offer remote learning, and residents needing access to online banking, telemedicine, and other essential services during this pandemic.

In recent weeks, fiber optic lines have been installed around Houston - connecting the small city in a way it never has been before. Every resident, every business will have a fiber optic connection to the home, with one gigabit per second capability far exceeding federal standards. The project is now in its last phase with customers signing up for services.

"We are pleased to be working with Nokia who has the experience and expertise to deliver the most powerful and reliable fiber networks in the world" – Richard Rojas, VP of Utility and Casino Solutions at SMC.

A Nokia representative said, "working with a strong ecosystem of partners like SMC allows Nokia to help cities deliver ultra-broadband access to all with more sustainable, affordable and accessible communications. Our mission is to invent and deliver trusted networks that unleash the value, competitiveness and attractiveness of rural cities around the world."

About SMC: SMC is a private, family-owned, and operated corporation headquartered in Springfield, Missouri, distributing the industry's top products and services in Automation, Data Comm and Security, Electrical, Industrial and Safety, and Fluid Power. SMC consists of 13 locations across Missouri and Kansas and boasts knowledgeable technical support personnel with years of industry experience.

About Nokia: Through technology leadership and trusted partnerships, Nokia delivers critical networks to help address global issues. Nokia's critical networks go beyond connectivity to enable self-optimizing, intelligent systems both locally and globally.

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