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Surf Internet is Certified All Fiber by the Fiber Broadband Association

Certification demonstrates proven commitment to future-proof fiber connectivity

ELKHART, Ind. (July 30, 2024) – Surf Internet[®] has been awarded the <u>Fiber Broadband Association's</u> (FBA) All Fiber Certification, recognizing its dedication to providing the fastest and most reliable broadband connectivity. This certification, presented at the FBA's Fiber Connect Awards Luncheon held in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, July 29, is granted to FBA members who ensure that 90 percent or more of their networks rely on fiber-optic infrastructure, demonstrating a strong strategic commitment to fiber deployment.

"Service providers, like Surf Internet, that qualify for the All Fiber Certification are leveraging fiber to connect their communities and customers to high-quality internet and digital services that will support broadband needs for decades to come," said Gary Bolton, President and CEO at the FBA. "I congratulate Surf on its certification. The more All Fiber service providers we celebrate, the closer we get to providing reliable connectivity to every corner of North America and closing the digital equity gap forever."

"We are honored to receive the Fiber Broadband Association's All Fiber Certification," said Surf Internet CEO Gene Crusie. "Starting as an internet service provider in the mid-1990s, we've evolved from dial-up to fixed wireless, DSL, and now fiber. Among all these technologies, fiber-optic broadband stands out as the one capable of truly bridging the digital divide. We view this as the ultimate technology and are fully committed to a fiber-only approach to help us achieve our mission of transforming the future of rural communities across the Great Lakes region."

Surf operates a fiber-to-the-home network that extends to over 150,000 households across Indiana, Illinois, and Michigan. The company aims to reach over 200,000 households by the end of 2024, adding more than 6,000 homes to their construction plans each month. In addition, Surf has been awarded over \$55 million in grant funding, which it is using to connect many of its fixed wireless subscribers to fiber.

Currently, Surf offers service packages with multi-gig speeds across most of its markets, providing robust and reliable internet connectivity for households and businesses. The network is designed for scalability, enabling it to seamlessly support multi-gig speeds as demand increases. This adaptability ensures that Surf Internet remains at the forefront of technology, providing cutting-edge solutions that are both competitive and future-proof. Whether for e-learning, video conferencing, working from home, gaming, or powering smart devices, Surf's fiber-optic infrastructure is equipped to handle the ever-evolving digital needs of its customers.

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To learn more about the FBA's All Fiber Certification, please visit <u>fiberbroadband.org/service-provider-network-</u> <u>certification</u>. Access the entire list of certified network operators at <u>fiberbroadband.org/service-provider-</u> <u>certification-list</u>.

About Surf Internet

Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The company is building a bridge to the wide-open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf's 250-plus-person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Coal City, Naperville, and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at https://surfinternet.com.

About the Fiber Broadband Association

The Fiber Broadband Association is the largest and only trade association that represents the complete fiber ecosystem of service providers, manufacturers, industry experts, and deployment specialists dedicated to the advancement of fiber broadband deployment and the pursuit of a world where communications are limitless, advancing quality of life and digital equity anywhere and everywhere. The Fiber Broadband Association helps providers, communities, and policymakers make informed decisions about how, where, and why to build better fiber broadband networks. Since 2001, these companies, organizations, and members have worked with communities and consumers in mind to build the critical infrastructure that provides the economic and societal benefits that only fiber can deliver. The Fiber Broadband Association is part of the Fibre Council Global Alliance, which is a platform of six global FTTH Councils in North America, LATAM, Europe, MEA, APAC, and South Africa. Learn more at <u>fiberbroadband.org</u>.



