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## CenturyLink to connect teachers with technology by offering \$35,000 in grants in Las Vegas area Applications being accepted through Jan. 10, 2014

LAS VEGAS – <u>CenturyLink, Inc.</u> (NYSE: CTL) is connecting teachers in the Las Vegas area with technology for the classroom by offering \$35,000 in grants through the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation's Teachers and Technology grant program. The application process is now open for local teachers looking to innovatively implement technology in their classrooms to increase student achievement.

"CenturyLink recently announced we will be the first telecommunications provider to bring 1 gigabit fiber Internet service to Las Vegas this fall, providing local residents with Internet speeds 100 times faster than the national average. The launch of our local Teachers and Technology grant program is another example of how we continue to serve those who reside here," said Jeff Oberschelp, CenturyLink vice president and general manager for Las Vegas.

This will be the first year that Las Vegas area teachers are eligible to apply for the CenturyLink Teachers and Technology grant program. All teachers working in public or private schools can apply for a grant, and all applications will be reviewed by a panel of local technology professionals. The number of grants awarded will be decided upon review of applications. Teachers who are awarded grants will have the opportunity to showcase advanced technology in their classrooms and enhance the learning experience of their students.

"As technology infrastructure and devices continue to advance at a rapid pace, the integration of technology into the classroom is more important than ever in order to ensure our students are engaged in a modern learning environment," said Oberschelp.

CenturyLink service is neither required nor considered in the review of applications. Teachers looking to learn more about the program or to apply for a grant should visit <u>http://centurylinkteachersandtech.com</u>. The deadline for applications is Jan. 10, 2014.

The Foundation will award more than \$1.4 million in grants to support technology in the classroom through the 2013-2014 Teachers and Technology program, offered throughout the company's service areas in the U.S.

## About the CenturyLink Foundation

CenturyLink's vision is to improve lives, strengthen businesses and connect communities by delivering advanced technologies and solutions with honest and personal service. CenturyLink extends this vision through the CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to contributing to endeavors that improve the well-being and overall

quality of life for people throughout CenturyLink's communities. Named after CenturyLink's founder Clarke M. Williams, the Foundation is endowed by CenturyLink to support community initiatives that encourage our employees to use their time, talents and resources to strengthen the communities in which they live and work.