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Cedar Falls Utilities Deploys Major FTTp Project With Clearfield(R)

FieldSmart(R) Products to Facilitate Deployment to 15,000 Iowa Homes

MINNEAPOLIS, Nov. 22, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Businesses and residents in the Cedar Falls, Iowa area will soon have greater access to high speed internet and high definition television because of a major Fiber to the Premises (FTTp) deployment by Cedar Falls Utilities (CFU).

Clearfield, Inc. (Nasdaq:CLFD) will assist in the Passive Optical Network (PON) project through its fiber management product line, which includes the FieldSmart® Fiber Scalability Center 288 PON Cabinets in the field, FieldSmart Fiber Crossover Distribution System (FxDS) 288 Patch and Splice Ribbon Panels used in the central office, and outside plant-rated fiber pigtailed at the premises. Clearfield's custom-configured fiber management components are designed to reduce the cost of fiber deployment, while maximizing ease of use and system density.

It is expected that more than 15,000 homes will be passed in the deployment, covering approximately 30 square miles. Construction began in August and is expected to be completed at the end of 2012.

According to Communications Services Manager David Schilling, CFU is partnering with Clearfield for all the right reasons. "We picked Clearfield because they saved us on cost with the simplicity of fiber management and splicing -- without compromising on quality."

He added, "We have been using Clearfield since 2006 when we installed BPON (Broadband PON) in some Greenfield areas in Cedar Falls. Clearfield was the only company we could find that could provide us with a PON cabinet that was acceptable to the developers. We have been very happy with the products, service and support."

About Cedar Falls Utilities

CFU became Cedar Falls' dominant provider of cable TV and internet services after building a city-wide communications plant in 1995. CFU operates four city-owned utilities, providing electricity, natural gas, water, and communications services to Cedar Falls households and businesses. The Utilities are operated for public benefit under the governance of a five-member Board of Trustees.

About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. designs the FieldSmart fiber management platform — the only fiber management platform to be designed around a single architecture for the inside plant, outside plant and access network. Scaling from 12 to 1728 ports, FieldSmart supports a wide range of panel and cabinet configurations, densities, connectors and adapter options, and

are offered alongside an assortment of passive optical components. Clearfield provides a complete line of fiber and copper assemblies for inside plant, outside plant and access networks. Clearfield is a public company traded on NASDAQ: CLFD.

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