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# Clearfield Extends CraftSmart With Addition of Fiber Protection Boxes

## Extension Reinforces Clearfield's Dedication to Fiber Management Solutions

MINNEAPOLIS, May 17, 2011 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Clearfield, Inc. (Nasdaq:CLFD), the specialist in fiber connectivity and management solutions for Fiber to the Premise (FTTp) deployments, is extending the CraftSmart product line to now include CraftSmart Fiber Protection Boxes (FPB). The CraftSmart FPB joins the newly introduced CraftSmart Fiber Protection Pedestals and Vaults, a line of above- and below-grade field enclosures that provide full optimization of fiber deployment when used alongside Clearfield's FieldSmart platform of inside plant fiber panels, outside plant cabinets and wall boxes.

Similar to the CraftSmart vaults and pedestals, the boxes are designed to meet a broad range of fiber, coax, and copper needs of the broadband, telecommunications and utilities industries. The FPBs provide a place for below-grade cable slack storage and are a good fit for access in greenbelt areas, areas that are undeveloped, wild or agricultural, and similar applications where there is light pedestrian traffic, such as a sidewalk.

"Clearfield is dedicating engineering resources to every detail of the fiber installation requirements, and this product line extension cements Clearfield's dedication to delivering a comprehensive solution to the market," said Johnny Hill, chief operating officer for Clearfield.

### Product Details

The CraftSmart Fiber Protection Box is available in five different sized boxes, including FPB610 (6" round), FPB912 (9" round), FPB1111 (11"), FPB1320 (13"), and FPB1620 (16"). Functioning as a stand-alone, the FPB provides below-grade slack storage for fiber or other media. The body is formed with a High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) Thermoplastic and a solid Thermoplastic lid that ensures strength and stability of the product.

Video Presentation Available To learn more about CraftSmart Fiber Protection, an informational video can be viewed at <http://www.clearfieldconnection.com/resource-center/demonstration-videos/>.

### About Clearfield, Inc.

Clearfield, Inc. sets the standard for fiber performance with FiberDeep, while lowering the cost of broadband deployment with the FieldSmart fiber management platform and the CraftSmart OSP enclosure system. FieldSmart is the only fiber management platform to be designed around a single architecture – the Clearview Cassette and xPAK— for the inside plant, outside plant and access network. Scaling from 1 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. CraftSmart is the

industry's only field enclosure system optimized for fiber deployment. FiberDeep is a new class of fiber patch cords that guarantees performance at .2dB insertion loss — fully half that of the industry standard. 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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