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Clearfield's Kevin Kress Appointed Chairperson of FTTH Technology Committee

Kress Brings Diverse Industry Experience to Committee Initiatives

MINNEAPOLIS, March 08, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- [Clearfield, Inc.](#) (NASDAQ:CLFD), the specialist in fiber management and connectivity platforms for communications providers, today announced that Kevin Kress, Clearfield Application Engineer, was appointed Chairperson of the Fiber to the Home Council Technology Committee. The FTTH Technology Committee promotes the awareness and business implications of active systems, passive components and deployment techniques for FTTH networks.

Kress brings more than 40 years of project management, training and field experience in the Telecommunications Industry to the FTTH Technology Committee. Kress' current responsibilities as a Clearfield Application Engineer, include customer and network design support for a wide variety of fiber deployments. Prior to Clearfield, Kress was with Cincinnati Bell Telephone.

"I'm honored to have been selected as the 2016 FTTH Technology Committee Chairperson," commented Kevin Kress. "My primary goal is to continue the organizational efficiency that we enjoyed last year under the leadership of Ian Williams, senior technology specialist for configuration management at TELUS Canada. I will strive to build on those efficiencies, while ensuring that we satisfy the instructions coming from the board of directors."

The Technology Committee is charged with providing guidance for the educational materials on the FTTH website. "The review of white papers, webinars and online training courses are all under the responsibility of our committee," added Kress. "Ultimately, our purpose is to provide guidance to those people who are either new to the deployment of FTTH or are in the early stages of getting their FTTH deployment up and running."

In partnership with Light Brigade, the North American FTTH Council also provides certification courses for all stages of FTTH deployments.

"The FTTH Council is a driving force behind the market demand for all fiber networks," said Cheri Beranek, president and CEO of Clearfield. "As a pioneer in the FTTH industry, Kevin's in-the-field working knowledge of fiber networks is a great asset to Clearfield and our customers. Working among the other distinguished members of the technology committee, we're confident that Kevin will extend this experience and knowledge to a broader market."

Kress will be leading a webinar on Network Reliability on April 26th, 2016 at 1:00 pm CT. Kress will examine the critical network build factors to consider when designing a fiber network to minimize the impact of maintenance in the future. Click [here](#) to register.

About Clearfield

Clearfield, Inc. (NASDAQ:CLFD) designs, manufactures and distributes fiber optic management, protection and delivery products for the communications networks of leading ILECS, CLECs, MSO/cable TV companies and mobile broadband providers. The company helps service providers solve the Fiber Puzzle, which is how to reduce high costs associated with deploying, managing, protecting and scaling a fiber optic network to deliver the mobile, residential and business services customers want. Centered around the company's patented Clearview™ Cassette, its unique single-architected, modular fiber management platform is designed to lower the cost of broadband deployment and maintenance by consolidating, protecting and distributing incoming and outgoing fiber circuits and enable our customers to scale their operations as their subscriber revenues increase. Headquartered in Minneapolis, MN, Clearfield deploys millions of fiber ports each year throughout North America and beyond. Connect with Clearfield at www.SeeClearfield.com, on [LinkedIn](#) or on Twitter [@danceswithfiber](#).

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