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AFCS Forum Workshop Explores Applications and Benefits of Automated Fiber Cross-Connects

SAN DIEGO— OFC/NFOEC – March 19, 2009 – The Advanced Fiber Connectivity and Switching Forum (AFCS Forum) announced today that it will host a workshop at the OFC/NFOEC 2009 Conference & Exposition, held March 23-26 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif.

Organized by Glenn Wellbrock, Director of Optical Transport Network Architecture and Design at Verizon, the workshop will feature key industry leaders discussing the benefits of automated fiber cross-connect technology for network operators. The workshop will be held on Monday, March 23, from 8:00 to 11 a.m. (PDT) as part of the larger OFC/NFOEC workshop series at the Convention Center.

David Rapp, AFCS Forum President, and Fiber Optic Program Manager at ADC, will lead the workshop discussions with an overview of the AFCS Forum's initiatives and programs. Following the introduction, AFCS Forum members will present new and emerging applications for automated fiber cross-connect technology. Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in the discussion.

Presentation topics include:

- **Transoceanic Cable Landing Site Monitoring:** Jim Diestel, Calient Networks
- **Multi-Dwelling Unit (MDU) Distribution:** Sandy Roskes, FiberZone Networks
- **Carrier Hotel/Peering Exchange:** Jim Donnelly, Glimmerglass
- **Remote Fiber Test and Monitoring:** Troy Veitenheimer, NTest
- **Data Center and Lab Physical Layer Automation:** Larry Cantwell, OnPath Technologies
- **FTTP PON (Passive Optical Networks):** Joe Finn, Verizon
- **Addressing Network Fiber Maintenance:** TJ Xia, Verizon

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The AFCS Forum was established in 2008 by industry leaders as part of a commitment to expand the understanding of key fiber connectivity and optical switching technologies. Its membership is comprised of a diverse set of companies involved in the deployment of next-generation networks, from manufacturers developing fiber network equipment to carriers planning infrastructure upgrades. Current members include ADC, Arcswitch, Boston Applied Technologies, Calient Networks, Capella Intelligent Subsystems, Corning Cable Systems, CrossFiber, Draka, FiberZone Networks, Glimmerglass, InLight Telecom, KDDI R&D Laboratories, Lynx Photonic Networks, NEC Corporation of America, NTest, OFS, OnPATH, Sumitomo Electric Lightwave, Telescent, Tyco Electronics and Verizon.

For more information on the AFCS Forum or how to join, visit www.afcsforum.org.

About AFCS Forum

The Advanced Fiber Connectivity and Switching Forum (AFCS Forum) was established in 2008 by industry leaders committed to expanding their understanding of key fiber connectivity and optical switching technologies. The mission of the Forum is to accelerate the adoption and deployment of optical switching and advanced fiber connectivity solutions into networks worldwide.

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