

## News Release

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### **AFCS Forum Workshop Explores Optical Switching and New Solutions for Growing Bandwidth Demands**

**CHICAGO– SUPERCMM – October 19, 2009** – The Advanced Fiber Connectivity and Switching Forum (AFCS Forum) announced today that it will host a workshop at the SUPERCMM 2009 Conference & Exposition, held October 21-23 at McCormick Place in Chicago, Ill.

Organized by Glenn Wellbrock, Director of Backbone Network Design at Verizon, and Dave Rapp, Program Manager at ADC, the workshop will discuss the benefits of physical layer optical switching technology for network operators. The workshop will be held in Room W183a on Thursday, October 22, from 1:20 to 2:05 p.m. (CDT) as part of the larger SUPERCMM workshop series at the Convention Center.

Entitled "Optical Switching: New Solutions for Growing Bandwidth Demands," the workshop will address how growing bandwidth requirements generated by triple and quadruple-play services are rapidly exhausting the capabilities of copper infrastructures. This session will discuss the future of physical layer network optical switching and how new applications can add network flexibility, improve infrastructure management, lower current and future costs, and help future-proof the network.

The AFCS Forum 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 3M, 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](http://www.afcsforum.org).

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### **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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