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## **Columbia County Community Broadband Utility (C<sup>3</sup>BU) Selects Colo Atl to Extend Network Reach**

*C<sup>3</sup>BU is Latest Fiber Network Alliance Member to Collocate in the Colo Atl Facility*

**ATLANTA, January 31, 2017** – [Colo Atl](#), the leading provider of carrier-neutral collocation, data center and interconnection services at 55 Marietta Street in Atlanta, GA, announces today that [Columbia County Community Broadband Utility \(C<sup>3</sup>BU\)](#), has selected Colo Atl’s downtown Atlanta facility for collocation and data center services. A [Fiber Network Owner Alliance \(FNA\)](#) member, Columbia County Community Broadband Utility (C<sup>3</sup>BU) owns and operates over 210 route miles of fiber optic open-access network in Columbia County, Georgia. By collocating in Colo Atl’s facility, C<sup>3</sup>BU can easily interconnect with strategic carrier partners, including other FNA members with no monthly recurring cross connect fees in the Colo Atl Meet-Me-Area (MMA). Additionally, C<sup>3</sup>BU will have access to the Colo Atl’s [Southeast Network Access Point \(SNAP\)](#), which provides next-generation Internet Exchange (IX) solutions, including SDN peering, testing, collaboration and implementation.

The C<sup>3</sup>BU network currently offers 20 Gigabits of bandwidth capacity scalable to several hundred Gigabits per shelf. The Dense Wave Division Multiplex (DWDM) platform is Metro Ethernet Forum (MEF) 2.0 certified to provide true carrier-class performance to its customers. Moreover, C<sup>3</sup>BU’s Software Defined Network (SDN) solutions provide carrier-class packet optical transport services to service providers.

“We are very excited to expand our network into Colo Atl,” comments Lewis Foster, Broadband Manager for C<sup>3</sup>BU. “The Colo Atl facility is home to one of the largest concentration of telecommunication companies in the Southeast. This expansion will enhance our local economic growth by expanding affordable broadband access to our local community. Additionally, Colo Atl has no monthly recurring cross connect fees, reasonable monthly charges and makes it really easy and enjoyable to do business.”

C<sup>3</sup>BU directly serves Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) which consists of government, education, public safety, and non-profit facilities and partners with service providers to provider service to

commercial and residential customers. C<sup>3</sup>BU also currently partners with five service providers to provide service to commercial and residential customers. C<sup>3</sup>BU currently has over 180 facilities connected to its network.

“We are proud to welcome Columbia County Broadband Utility to our Colo Atl family,” states [Tim Kiser](#), Owner and Founder of Colo Atl. “By collocating at our facility, C<sup>3</sup>BU makes good on its commitment to extend its network reach and provide a cost-efficient, self-sustaining middle-mile fiber network to new Southeast US markets. Additionally, Colo Atl provides FNA members and all of our tenants the opportunity to leverage over 90 telecom service providers to enhance their current services and increase revenue opportunities.”

Founded in November 2001, Colo Atl provides a reasonable, accommodating and cost-effective interconnection environment for more than 90 local, regional and global network operators. In 2016, the company celebrated its 15-year anniversary of providing service excellence and growth.

Colo Atl is an Atlanta Telecom Professionals Award Nominee and Winner of the 2016 TMT News Award for Best Colocation & Data Center – Georgia and the 2016 Georgia Excellence Award by the American Economic Institute (AEI).

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#### **About Colo Atl**

[Colo Atl](#), a JT Communications company, is the leading provider of carrier-neutral colocation, data center and interconnection solutions at 55 Marietta Street in the global telecom hub of Atlanta, GA. Colo Atl provides superior carrier-neutral colocation, data center and interconnection services at an affordable rate. Colo Atl is a carrier-neutral environment that allows all types of network operators to securely and conveniently cross connect within a SSAE 16 certified facility. Colo Atl has no monthly recurring cross connect fees between tenants and provides exceptional customer service.

Colo Atl is also home to the Georgia Technology Center (GTC), a live laboratory for network equipment vendors to highlight their optical and electrical hardware and operating systems, and the Southeast Network Access Point (SNAP), which provides next-generation Internet Exchange (IX) solutions, including SDN peering, testing, collaboration and implementation.

Visit Colo Atl online at: [www.coloatl.com](http://www.coloatl.com) and follow us on Twitter @ColoAtl.

#### **About Columbia County Community Broadband Utility (C<sup>3</sup>BU)**

The Columbia County Broadband Utility department is a department of the Deputy County Administrator's office and will build, operate and maintain the Columbia County Community Broadband Utility or C3BU for short. The C3BU's mission is to provide a cost-efficient, self-sustaining middle-mile fiber network for our community. Visit <http://www.columbiacountyga.gov/government-departments-a-c/broadband-utility> to learn more.