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**RTC COMMUNICATIONS ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR CITY OF WASHINGTON FIBER OVERBUILD
BENEFITS OF FIBER TO THE HOME AND 1 GIG COMING TO BUSINESSES AND OTHERS IN THE CITY**

Montgomery, IN. RTC Communications CEO outlined plans for the construction of a new fiber network in city of Washington.

The new network will serve the needs of commercial and residential users and utilize the latest Fiber to the Premise (FTTP), leading edge technologies including Cisco™, Calix™ and MetaSwitch™. This means that every business and countless residential locations in the city will have access to the new network and enjoy up to 1 gig of broadband speed and associated benefits. Quite literally, the information superhighway has a new “on ramp” in the city of Washington.

RTC is prepared to build out the lightning fast network everywhere in Washington. Construction plans are based on interest received from potential fiberhoods. The more people that sign up in their neighborhood, the faster RTC can deploy the fiber network and get them connected. Early sign up will determine where the network is built and how quickly residents will get connected to the network. To show interest, visit fiber2myhome.com, fill out the pre-registration form for your location and make sure your neighbors do the same. You can track your neighborhood’s progression at rtccom.com/follow-the-fiber/.

Once the network is deployed businesses and residents of Washington can benefit from 1 gig internet, much like some current Washington businesses do today. Hoefling Truck & Tractor, M&C Tech, True Scripts and Daviess County Annex are just a few of a number of Washington businesses that have already chosen RTC to carry them into the future with the new network. Bryant Niehoff, Executive Director of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation (DCEDC), stated, “RTC’s investment in Washington is a milestone for enhancing quality of life in the community while also adding to our competitive advantage for future growth and investment.”

The planned RTC network expansion utilizes technologies necessary to bring new community and communications-based initiatives to reality such as support for business expansion, telelearning, telehealth and telemedicine, etc. While all the national talk is about 5G technology in the wireless network, it is the local wired network that plays the key role in connectivity to cell towers or delivering that important call to a local phone. It’s important that all points in the network are as fast as possible in order for businesses and consumers to get the full value of 5G and 6G, yes, its already being developed. Regardless, Washington, with the new network, will be ready.

Let’s not forget the economic impact. It is projected that the residual effect of this build will add approximately 25 additional employment opportunities internally at RTC, along with attracting commercial entities to build and grow. That means new jobs and more reasons to relocate to Washington.

Research shows that Fiber to the Home can increase the value of real estate. According to Zing by Quicken Loans, the median value of a home saw an increase of \$5,437.00 when broadband is enhanced. Executive Director of the DCEDC, Bryant Niehoff continued, “access to high quality broadband is a must have in the 21st century economy, and this next-gen fiber network exemplifies RTC’s commitment to being on the cutting edge of rural broadband accessibility in Daviess County and Southwest Indiana.”

Because of its financial strength, RTC will be privately fund the estimated \$12-million investment needed for design, implementation and support of the project. 24 months after construction begin, the network will reach all business and commercial entities, with expansion into residential areas dependent on the interest levels of each neighborhood. Go to fiber2myhome.com and pre-sign up for service.

“As we began to work with more and more commercial customers in Washington, we heard loud and clear that the needs of the city were not being met by current providers,” stated Kirk Lehman, RTC Communications’ CEO. “This new network leverages RTC’s 70-year heritage and experience and is a natural extension of our service in a contiguous trading area. This is good for business, government and residents of the city in the short and long term,” concluded Lehman.

About RTC

RTC Communications, headquartered in Montgomery, IN, is a leading rural telecommunications company serving the internet, entertainment, voice, and business services needs of customers in Daviess, Martin and Lawrence counties. RTC customers have access to Intelecyn™ Speed, world-class broadband internet riding on the latest optical Fiber To The Premise (FTTP) network reaching speeds of 1 gigabyte, no data caps, and the latest next generation mesh WI-FI network to support the Internet of Things (IoT) in the home or business. Additionally, RTC Communications provides Intelecyn Entertainment, Intelecyn Home and Intelecyn Business. Being a cooperative, RTC Communications’ customers living in an RTC exchanged territories are also owners. To find out more about RTC Communications, visit: rtccom.com and intelecyn.com.