



South Hill Data Center



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Top data center operator to manage new
LEED Gold data center in Seattle area.

Level 3 Communications Extends Network to Seattle Data Center

(WEB HOST INDUSTRY REVIEW) -- Fiber-based communications services provider Level 3 Communications (www.level3.com) announced on Wednesday that it has extended its network infrastructure in Seattle with a link to the South Hill Data Center (www.southhilldatacenter.com).

This move comes over a month after Level 3 announced it will acquire Global Crossing (www.globalcrossing.com) in a deal valued at \$3 billion. Though it is pending regulatory and shareholder approval, it is expected to close by the end of 2011. Global Crossing also has a connection to Seattle.

"As enterprises continue to adopt virtualized solutions for managing their critical business objectives, it is increasingly important for data center connections to optimize backbone network access," Todd Holton, Level 3's general manager for the Northwest stated. "The direct connection to the South Hill Data Center will provide facility tenants with efficient access to Level 3's network and full service portfolio, highlighting our commitment to meeting the local and global communications needs of Seattle-area enterprises."

According to the press release, the South Hill Data Center is a 56,605 square foot facility that now has access to over 190 markets served by Level 3's IP network. South Hill Data Center customers can now leverage Level 3's complete service portfolio, including transport, data, IP and voice services.

The South Hill Data Center is 30 minutes from Seattle Tacoma International Airport and is easily accessible from Seattle and Bellevue technology cores, according to the press release.

"In addition to security, flexibility and reliability, our tenants demand direct access to backbone networks that are capable of scaling to meet their increasing business requirements," Larry Benaroya, owner of South Hill Data Center said in a statement. "By having our data center directly connected to Level 3's network, we are able to offer our tenants this assurance and demonstrate our commitment to investing in first-rate solutions for this next-generation data center."

Level 3 recently partnered with Web hosting provider Liquid Web (www.liquidweb.com) to launch a content delivery network. In an email Q&A with the WHIR, Cale Sauter of Liquid Web discusses the partnership and the new CDN offering.

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