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## **BendBroadband Vault Generates More Than 120 Local Construction Jobs**

**February 15, 2011 Bend, Ore.** - The construction of BendBroadband's Vault data center is nearly complete due in large part to the efforts of more than 120 Central Oregon-based contractors. BendBroadband Vault, which is seeking a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification, is a collocation data center which will begin operations in early-April in NE Bend.

The company announced today that installation of the energy-efficient KyotoCooling system is underway. Testing of all equipment is scheduled for the remainder of February and March as the April opening approaches.

"BendBroadband has partnered with local contracting companies throughout the design and construction of this environmentally-responsible data center." commented Leonard Weitman, VP Technical Operations and Project Manager for the BendBroadband Vault project. "The project has relied on the expertise of more than 150 construction workers and 80 percent have been local Central Oregonians. The BendBroadband Vault project has utilized 27 contracting companies, and 23 of those companies are local."

The facility will offer enterprise-class collocation services utilizing an extensive, privately-managed fiber network and energy-efficient power systems. A staff of local engineering experts will provide professional services to customers seeking network, server and storage design, business continuity/disaster recovery, product selection, virtualization, and a cloud computing infrastructure.

Weitman added, "The addition of BendBroadband Vault to the Central Oregon technology landscape will support recruitment of new technology-dependent businesses to Central Oregon in addition to providing numerous job creation and growth opportunities for existing local businesses."

In further evidence of the economic impact of the Vault project, Weitman noted that BendBroadband has invested more than \$10 million dollars on the project's construction phase alone with more than \$7 million dollars going directly to Central Oregon firms. Hoffman Construction partnered with Bend's R&H Construction to manage the project. A complete list of all of the local companies that have contributed to the project is included at the end of this release.

Designed to be a Tier 3, SSAE-16 Type II-certified facility, the 30,000 square foot BendBroadband Vault has been constructed in three phases and designed to meet the federally-mandated data storage and security needs for the healthcare industry as well as the financial, telecommunications, manufacturing and hospitality sectors, among others. St. Charles Health System will be an anchor tenant in the new facility.

Construction of the facility is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2011. As the opening approaches, additional information will be made available.

Local companies that have worked on the project include: A&E Masonry, Baldwin Customer Welding, Bell Hardware, Bend Cabinet, Bend Commercial Glass, Botanical Gardens, Carlson Sign Company, Cascade Caulking, Cascade Heating, Central Oregon Ready Mix, Clason Tile and Masonry, Commercial Door and Hardware, David Tacy Construction, Deschutes Concrete Service, Fabulous Floors, J&R Fire, John Thompson & Associates, Knife River, Lets Construction & Cleaning, LB Engineering, Mike's Fence Center, North Country Building Specialties, R&H Construction, Roger Langeliers Construction, Sunburst Fabrication, Sunlight Solar, Swift Steel, Tomco Electric, True Line Steel, We Cut Concrete, Inc., and Western Protective Coatings.

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### **About BendBroadband:**

BendBroadband is a family-owned, local company serving Central Oregon since 1955. A leader in the cable and broadband sectors, the company offers an extensive range of broadband, cable and telephone services for commercial and residential customers. Central Oregon facilities include more than a thousand miles of fiber and coax infrastructure along with metropolitan optical Ethernet, T-1/PRI and hosted PBX services serving the business community. BendBroadband offers multiple phone and high-speed Internet options with speeds up to 60 Mps. BendBroadband operates one of the fastest wireless broadband networks in the nation, which covers an expanded Central Oregon footprint along with outdoor Wi-Fi. The company was among the first to be 100% digital and offers Video on Demand, digital video recorders, HDTV (with more than 100 HD channels) and a choice of interactive program guides. BendBroadband focuses its corporate contributions and sponsorship efforts on youth, and by supporting an array of arts and entertainment in Central Oregon. In the community, BendBroadband provides extensive local sports, civic programming and local features created and produced by COTV, channel 11.

BendBroadband Vault is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BendBroadband. The company will provide data center services to clients, including hosted storage for primary site needs and disaster recovery, equipment collocation and managed services. As noted in this release, construction of the facility is expected to be completed by April 2011.