



Florida's Research and Education Network

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NAP of Central Florida joins Florida's Research and Education Network

Tallahassee, FL - December 2, 2014 - Florida LambdaRail, LLC (FLR) announced today it has welcomed Winter Haven Based NAP of Central Florida as its 45th network affiliate. Florida LambdaRail provides communication and network services in support of education and research activities across the state and connects with peer networks across the country and the world.

NAP of Central Florida (NCF) is an operator of data center, colocation and disaster recovery services within the Inland Fiber Data Center. Offerings include wholesale data center, private data suites and traditional colocation services. NCF is also a provider of Private Cloud Services including hosted storage through its "Storage On A Wire" Solution. Their primary facilities in Winter Haven, Florida include over 40,000 square feet of data center and disaster recovery space and approximately 45,000 square feet of carrier and telecommunication hotel facilities. Situated in the geographic center of Florida at 168 feet above sea-level and outside the 500-year flood zone, it is the goal of NCF to be a trusted partner who will protect each organization's data and provide disaster recovery.

"As an affiliate of Florida LambdaRail, we at the NAP of Central Florida are excited to be able to offer our services to the eligible members of the FLR community," said Steve Sowards, Managing Partner. "We are a true partner with FLR by enabling local agencies to access FLR's world class network services under our connection. It saves our customers money while helping expand access to FLR's research and education services. It's a win-win for everyone."

A FLR Network Aggregator is an Equity Partner or Affiliate that utilizes its connection to the FLR Network to deliver direct connectivity or last mile connectivity for certain other non-profit entities (i.e., governmental, educational and medical agencies and institutions) through a connection from their fiber network to the FLR infrastructure.

Florida LambdaRail CEO Joseph Lazor said of the new relationship, "We are delighted to welcome NAP of Central Florida as a valuable partner in the FLR family, not only in their capacity as an Aggregator, but also because of the many services they provide from data backup and disaster recovery to data center and colocation services that our other members will undoubtedly want to take advantage of. We anticipate this being a positive relationship for our two organizations for many years to come."

Formed in 2004, FLR is an independent statewide fiber-optic network owned by and operated on behalf of its partner universities and affiliates. FLR drives academic, scientific, educational and clinical applications and data over its 1,540-mile fiber-optic facilities based network and provides direct connectivity to a wide range of both domestic and international research and education networks. Plans are currently in place to increase the capacity of the network from the current rate of 20 gigabits per second to 100 gigabits per second, internationally recognized as the state-of-the-art among R&E networks, by mid-2015.

On the web:

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