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Lehi City Partners with Strata Networks to Build City-Wide Fiber Network

Lehi, Utah (December 29, 2021) – Lehi City announced that they have solidified a partnership with STRATA Networks to build an all-fiber network throughout the City. The agreement will be finalized in the next 30 days and will bring some of the fastest internet speeds in the country to all subscribing homes and businesses within City limits over a three-year period.

The project will be financed through a bond which was approved by the City Council in 2020. This bond will be backed by the City and paid for solely by future subscriber revenues. Lehi residents and businesses can learn more and sign up to receive project updates at engagelehi.org/lehifiber.

Bringing fiber internet to Lehi has been under consideration for several years and, after thoroughly investigating many options, Lehi City has selected STRATA Networks to construct and operate the network. They have already begun the network design & engineering. Construction is anticipated to begin in summer of 2022, with the first subscribers expected to be connected before spring of 2023. Lehi City's goal is to ensure that every home and business within Lehi City has access to a high-speed internet connection by the time the project is complete.

"I am very excited to bring this new service to the citizens of Lehi City," Mayor Mark Johnson said. "We recognize the importance of reliable utility services. We have recognized for a long time the importance of our power system and how beneficial it is to the citizens to own our own power company. I believe the same is going to be true about this high-speed internet network. We are excited to partner with STRATA Networks to make this a reality."

Headquartered in Utah, STRATA Networks is the largest independent telecommunications cooperative in the state with nearly 70 years of experience in the industry and three decades of building fiber-to-the-premises networks. With a team of nearly 300 employees, STRATA offers a unique model that allows municipalities to maintain ownership in the network and benefit from subscriber revenues, while having a trusted partner to serve as the network operator.

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“Lehi is one of Utah’s greatest cities and it only makes sense for the home of Silicon Slopes to have access to a robust fiber network,” said STRATA Networks CEO/General Manager Bruce Todd. “Communities like Lehi are trailblazers in positioning the state for growth and opportunity and having city-wide fiber internet access will allow Lehi and Utah to thrive more than ever. We are happy to be a part of it and look forward to seeing the many ways it will benefit the people that live here.”

The network infrastructure will be entirely owned by Lehi City and follow an Open Access model wherein participating Internet Service Providers (ISPs) can utilize that infrastructure and sell services to consumers. The City will go through a process of recruiting and selecting ISPs and will make announcements as providers are finalized.

More information, as well as project updates and schedules, will be posted to the City’s website at engagelehi.org/lehifiber.

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About STRATA Networks:

Headquartered in Utah, STRATA Networks is the largest independent telecommunications cooperative in the state of Utah with nearly 70 years of experience in the industry and three decades of experience in building and operating fiber-to-the-premises networks. The strength of STRATA lies within a team of nearly 300 employees who are committed to connecting even the most remote communities to each other and to the rest of the world.