



Alpheus Acquires StratITsphere's Retail Colocation Business Unit

HOUSTON, TX – August 6, 2014 – Alpheus Communications, a leading provider of Texas metro-regional fiber and networking solutions, today announced the acquisition of StratITsphere's retail colocation business unit. The companies also formed a strategic partnership that includes a long-term lease of data center space at 1510 Primewest Parkway, Katy, Texas, which is part of Houston's Energy Corridor.

This latest acquisition expands Alpheus' data center capacity in the Houston market, adding more than 12,000 square feet of immediately available data center space. StratITsphere will continue to operate its 93,000-square-foot data center with a focus on wholesale customers. Alpheus' new SSAE-16 compliant data center space is conveniently located within 30 miles of downtown Houston, close to the interstate. From a disaster recovery perspective, the data center is strategically positioned outside Houston's 500-year floodplain, is not in any commercial flight paths, and is beyond a 20-mile radius of any chemical or flammable plants.

"Due to our continued growth, we have filled our two existing Houston data centers and needed additional space to meet the colocation demand from our customers," said Scott Widham, CEO of Alpheus Communications. "This acquisition gives us immediate access to premier data center space that we can bundle with fiber network services and dedicated Internet access to provide enterprises the highest-quality infrastructure for cloud solutions, mission-critical applications and disaster recovery solutions."

"StratITsphere's data center is uniquely designed to provide customers like Alpheus with a differentiated product in the Houston market," said Darin Cook, CEO of StratITsphere Data Center Solutions. "The partnership with Alpheus allows us to focus on wholesale customers needing greater than 5,000 square feet of data center space."

- Alpheus' Energy Corridor data center is a state-of-the-art facility with multiple carriers and diverse bandwidth options. Key features of the data center include:
- SSAE 16
- 36-inch industry-grade, reinforced raised floors
- Dedicated, secured mechanical aisles
- Fully redundant HVAC system with N+1 power
- A/B diverse power feed
- Backup chilled water storage system
- Pre-action, dry pipe zoned sprinkler system
- 24x7x365 manned security, monitoring and disaster prevention
- Proximity and bio card-reader access
- Backup site for disaster recovery in Austin

Alpheus recently expanded its Austin data center, driven by customers deploying cloud solutions, requiring 100-percent uptime and fiber connectivity. The additional Houston data center, combined with its extensive fiber network infrastructure, positions Alpheus to offer the highest-quality network

and data center infrastructure to enterprises deploying business continuity and disaster recovery solutions.

Alpheus' data-center portfolio is especially valuable to multi-site customers that prefer backup and redundancy from a single provider on a single infrastructure, enabling them to streamline management of their network and data center resources.

The new data center is on-net to Alpheus' deep metro fiber Texas footprint that serves some of the fastest-growing markets in the U.S., including Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Ft. Worth, Houston and San Antonio.

The Bank Street Group LLC served as financial advisor to StratITsphere in connection with this transaction.

About Alpheus Communications

Alpheus Communications (www.alpheus.net) is a leading provider of Texas metro-regional fiber and networking solutions. With owned facilities in Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley, Alpheus is flexible, content-neutral and responsive to customer needs when low-latency and uptime are essential. As the preferred fiber backbone for Metro Texas, Alpheus is in a unique position to support mission-critical information technology functions and cloud computing solutions through its resilient SSAE 16-compliant data center platforms for colocation and disaster recovery.

About StratITsphere

Located in Katy, Texas, the StratITsphere Data Center facility is just outside of Houston, where it is far enough away from Houston-area disasters, but still within an easy driving distance. It is built as a state-of-the-art, multi-tiered, highly redundant, robust, and highly secured facility. With a compliant SSAE-16 Type II audit, our data center facility also meets the standards for controls around business processes. StratITsphere stands behind these commitments by issuing all clients a 100% SLA for uptime, which provides customers with access to their mission-critical systems and data.