

Midco[®] Deploys Infinera XTM Series for Metro and Data Center Interconnect Services

Sunnyvale, Calif. and Sioux Falls, S.D. – Sept. 26, 2016, 8:00 AM EDT USA – Infinera, a provider of [Intelligent Transport Networks](#), and [Midco](#), an independent internet service provider and cable operator, announced today the deployment of the [Infinera XTM Series](#) for 100 gigabits per second (Gb/s) transport to support metro aggregation services and to interconnect Midco's recently acquired data centers. The Infinera XTM Series enables Midco to deliver high density and highly scalable 100 Gb/s optical transport to support its rapidly growing network needs.

With the acquisition of Dataware, Midco now operates data centers in South Dakota, which will accommodate customers requiring Tier 2 or Tier 3 facilities – with plans to expand in other areas. A variety of banking, healthcare, agriculture, energy, government and other clients rely on Midco's data center and managed services. Midco operates one of the largest and most resilient optical networks in the region, an 8,400 fiber-mile network delivering services to urban and rural areas. The Infinera XTM Series enables Midco to serve business and residential customers in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

Midco upgraded its long-haul network last year with the Infinera DTN-X platform and has now extended its network into the metro with the Infinera XTM Series, offering its customers an end-to-end Infinera Intelligent Transport Network. The Infinera XTM Series enables Midco to support metro Ethernet services and to connect its data centers with 10 Gb/s, 100 Gb/s and Fibre Channel transport services.

The XTM Series offers direct WDM interoperability to Midco's existing DTN-X network providing the advantages of optimized metro and long-haul networks with the better economics of a unified end-to-end solution. Midco is also now able to manage its end-to-end network with Infinera's [Digital Network Administrator](#) (DNA) and utilize Infinera's recently announced [Xceed Software Suite](#), which enables programmable software defined networking (SDN) control.

“As we upgraded our network with these new data centers, we once again selected Infinera to expand our Intelligent Transport Network,” said Jon Pederson, Chief Technology Officer at Midco. “The XTM Series was easy to install and we were able to use the Digital Network Administrator to control our Infinera end-to-end network from long-haul to metro with a single management system.”

“We are pleased Midco is extending the benefits of the Infinera Intelligent Transport Network, offering its customers an end-to-end network from the metro to its core backbone,” said Karl Thedéen, Senior Vice President, Metro Business Group at Infinera. “The Infinera XTM Series extends the benefits of Infinera's long-haul solutions to the metro and offers cable operators the benefits of scalability, ease of use and superb reliability. This expanded solution is a great example of how cable operators are deploying Infinera solutions across all sections of the network.”



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About Midco

Founded in 1931, Midco is the leading provider of internet and networking, cable TV, phone, data center and managed services, home automation, and advertising services in the Upper Midwest. More than 330,000 residential and business customers count on Midco services in 335 communities in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Midco will deliver advanced gigabit internet technology to most customers by the end of 2017. Visit Midco.com to learn more about Midco and how the company gives back to the communities it serves.

About Infinera

Infinera (NASDAQ: INFN) provides Intelligent Transport Networks, enabling carriers, cloud operators, governments and enterprises to scale network bandwidth, accelerate service innovation and simplify optical network operations. Infinera's end-to-end packet-optical portfolio is designed for long-haul, subsea, data center interconnect and metro applications. Infinera's unique large scale photonic integrated circuits enable innovative optical networking solutions for the most demanding networks. To learn more about Infinera visit www.infinera.com, follow us on Twitter @Infinera and read our latest blog posts at blog.infinera.com.

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