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CommScope to Provide Sprint with Small Cells for In-building Wireless

—S1000 LTE/Wi-Fi Small Cells using Qualcomm Technologies Chipsets Will Support Usage-intensive Business Locations—

HICKORY, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- CommScope, a leader in communications network infrastructure solutions, today announced that Sprint has committed to an extensive deployment of S1000 small cells for use in traffic-intensive small and medium-sized business locations.

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The Small Cell Forum has named a CommScope S1000 small cell project as a finalist in the category of Excellence in Commercial Deployment (Enterprise) for the Small Cell Forum Industry Awards 2016. (Graphic: Business Wire)

Deployment of the CommScope S1000 small cells is designed to deliver even faster data speeds indoors and ensure a high quality LTE experience as part of Sprint's network densification plan. The S1000 also supports the latest 802.11ac Wi-Fi technology, allowing Sprint to provide managed Wi-Fi hotspot services to enterprises such as retail and restaurant chains.

"The CommScope S1000 small cell, with its support for 2.5GHz LTE and managed Wi-Fi, is a highly cost-effective way for us to give our customers even faster data speeds indoors," said Jay Bluhm, vice president of network development and engineering, Sprint. "Femtos are an important part of our densification and optimization strategy, enabling us to more efficiently support new services and meet the growing demand for data."

S1000 small cells enable a turnkey wireless solution for small- and medium-sized offices and retail locations that need superior wireless services for both employees and visitors. Based upon Qualcomm® FSM™ small cell and Qualcomm® VIVE™ Wi-Fi chipsets, the S1000 supports both 2.5 GHz TD-LTE and 802.11ac dual-band, dual-concurrent Wi-Fi in a cost-effective, power efficient and compact form factor.

The S1000 can be self-installed, thanks to a hybrid self-organizing network (SON) approach that combines the automated provisioning function of CommScope's Device Management System (DMS) with the use of Qualcomm® UltraSON™ technology in the device. This capability simplifies installation and optimizes coexistence with macro networks and neighboring small cells. As a result, S1000 small cells provide improved in-building cellular experience with a very low total cost of ownership.

"We continue to invest in the latest small cell features and in the technologies that enable operators to create and manage large deployments," said Matt Melester, senior vice president and general manager, Distributed Coverage and Capacity Solutions, CommScope. "Sprint's selection of the S1000 validates both the features of the product and our ability to meet the requirements of mobile network operators."

The Small Cell Forum has named this S1000 project as a finalist in the category of Excellence in Commercial Deployment (Enterprise) for the Small Cell Forum Industry Awards 2016. The winners will be announced on May 11 of the Small Cells World Summit in London.

The S1000 small cells joined CommScope's solutions portfolio when the company acquired Airvana in October 2015. Airvana has been a key small cell supplier to Sprint since 2010, when the operator introduced its 3G AIRAVE offering.

"Meeting the mobile data demands in today's business environment and providing great mobile experiences requires the best use of both LTE and Wi-Fi, and we are pleased to be working with CommScope and Sprint to deliver converged small cells to the market," said Neville Meijers, vice president, business development, Qualcomm Technologies, Inc.

About CommScope:

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