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CommScope Becomes Founding Partner of Infrastructure Masons

HICKORY, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- CommScope, a global leader in infrastructure solutions for communications networks, is the first Founding Partner of Infrastructure Masons, an organization created to bring together technical professionals involved in infrastructure services - from end users to consultants to vendors.

[Infrastructure Masons](#) was established to provide network infrastructure executives and technical professionals an independent forum to connect, grow and give back. Founded by [Dean Nelson](#), a long time infrastructure executive and industry contributor, the organization will focus its combined experience and expertise to advance the industry, develop fellow masons, and empower business and personal use of the infrastructure to better the economy, the environment, and society.

"Our members average more than 20 years of industry experience, and are responsible for more than \$100 billion of infrastructure projects," said Mark Monroe, Infrastructure Masons executive director. "We are proud to welcome [CommScope](#) as the first Founding Partner and look forward to the company's continued contribution to the industry."

Infrastructure Masons members are defined by their work and contributions to the industry. Membership levels are defined by three primary categories -- experience, economics and stewardship. Each category has different dimensions and levels are identified by the number of dimensions that are met or exceeded within each category.

"We are so grateful to CommScope for stepping forward as the first Founding Partner," said Maricel Cerruti, a board member of Infrastructure Masons. "CommScope's commitment of both funding and resources underscores how well they understand the importance of the foundation in the digital infrastructure industry."

"We see a parallel with the importance of building out the cloud infrastructure to that of the electrical grid. The cloud has become the underpinning of several major trends that we are seeing today such as IoT and big data."

"I am proud to represent CommScope as a Founding Partner with Infrastructure Masons," said John Schmidt, vice president of Global Data Center Solutions at CommScope. "CommScope designs and builds the connectivity for the most advanced networks in existence today, which positions us well to give back to this industry."

Schmidt will serve on the Partner Advisory Council of the Infrastructure Masons, a group of senior industry executives who will help steer the iMasons organization on its journey to become the leading professional society in the digital infrastructure industry.

About CommScope:

[CommScope](#) (NASDAQ: COMM) helps companies around the world design, build and manage their wired and wireless networks. Our vast portfolio of network infrastructure includes some of the world's most robust and innovative wireless and fiber optic solutions. Our talented and experienced global team is driven to help customers increase bandwidth; maximize existing capacity; improve network performance and availability; increase energy efficiency; and simplify technology migration. You will find our solutions in the largest buildings, venues and outdoor spaces; in data centers and buildings of all shapes, sizes and complexity; at wireless cell sites; in telecom central offices and cable headends; in FTTx deployments; and in airports, trains, and tunnels. Vital networks around the world run on CommScope solutions.

About Infrastructure Masons:

Infrastructure Masons is a group of industry professionals who design, build and operate the technical infrastructure of the digital age. The IM community is where professionals connect, grow and give back. Established in April of 2016, iMasons is a 501(c)6, non-profit association of individuals, and assesses levels of industry knowledge based on criteria in three dimensions - Experience, Economics and Stewardship. iMasons is guided by the End User and Partner Advisory Councils, consisting of leaders of some of the largest and most advanced technical infrastructure portfolios in the world. As of January 2017, membership exceeded 1,000 individuals representing over \$100Bn in Infrastructure projects in over 130 countries. <http://imasons.org>.

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