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Hunt Midwest Opens SubTropolis Technology Center in Kansas City **Anchor tenant LightEdge Solutions begins operations in phase one** **of its 60,000 s.f. underground data center**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – April 16, 2014 – Hunt Midwest will celebrate the opening of its SubTropolis Technology Center (STC), an underground mission critical data center campus, at a ribbon-cutting and media event in Kansas City today. The opening coincides with LightEdge’s completion of the first phase of a 60,000 square-foot underground data center in STC. LightEdge is the anchor tenant of STC which is owned and operated by Hunt Midwest.

The joint project is the result of a unique partnership between Hunt Midwest, a full-service real estate development company owned by the Lamar Hunt family, and LightEdge Solutions, a premier cloud computing, colocation and managed services company, owned by Qwest founder Phil Anschutz. The long relationship between the Hunt and Anschutz families helped foster the partnership.

“This is the perfect strategic alliance that allows both companies to leverage their core expertise to deliver a world-class data center operation,” said Ora Reynolds, president of Hunt Midwest Real Estate Development.

Hunt Midwest provides a highly secure and protected location that is served by KCP&L, an electric utility known for its award-winning reliability. LightEdge brings years of experience in the area of cloud and premise-based managed IT services and one of the most comprehensive end-to-end IT and telecommunications product portfolios in the industry.

“The relationship between LightEdge and Hunt Midwest translates into the convergence of financial strength, enterprise-grade hosted IT services, extensive experience in disaster recovery and production IT cloud environments in a highly secure and protected location with low electric rates compared to other areas of the U.S.,” said Jim Masterson, chief executive officer of LightEdge Solutions. “Together, these factors combine to create a premier technology offering unlike any other in the Midwest.”

The mission critical STC campus provides a naturally hardened and secure environment that is protected from natural disasters because of the inherent characteristics of its underground location. STC has more than a million square feet of expansion space available for the custom build-out of enterprise and government data centers. Power is robust with two substations, which deliver reliable and affordable electricity to the facility. Fiber connectivity to multiple carriers – including AT&T, Time Warner and Unite Private Networks – and the 1102 Grand carrier hotel, provide local private network connectivity of up to 10 gigabits (Gb).

“In terms of redundancy and capacity, the strategic location of the LightEdge Solutions data center within SubTropolis Technology Center provides the ideal power infrastructure,” said Chuck Caisley, vice president of marketing and public affairs for KCP&L. “The robust electric transmission and distribution network – with multiple substations in the area and proximity to our generating station – is expandable to support future growth and power demands required by the tech industry. Plus, electric rates are among the lowest in the country.”

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Dignitaries participating in the ribbon-cutting and media event to celebrate the grand opening of the LightEdge Solutions data center in SubTropolis Technology Center include: Missouri Governor Jay Nixon; Kansas City, Missouri Mayor Sly James; Presiding Clay County Commissioner Pam Mason; KCP&L Vice President Chuck Caisley; Augie Cruciotti, managing director of The Anschutz Investment Co.; and members of the Hunt family, including Clark Hunt, Lamar Hunt, Jr., and Sharron Hunt, owners of Hunt Midwest.

About SubTropolis Technology Center (STC)

[SubTropolis Technology Center](#) is a mission critical data center campus that provides a highly scalable infrastructure for millions of square feet of contiguous expansion; redundant power with low kW costs; and fiber networking to meet the ever-growing bandwidth requirements of businesses. STC is served by KCP&L, with two diverse substations and 161 kV transmission lines on the property. The eco-friendly underground STC campus is protected by a 150-foot layer of limestone, making it a Tier IV compliant structure. STC provides a Meet-Me-Room for interconnection with major carriers and service providers and a six-acre equipment yard on the exterior surface. In addition to LightEdge Solutions, future tenants will include government agencies and enterprise users.

About Hunt Midwest

[Hunt Midwest](#) is a full-service real estate development company with a focus on industrial, commercial, retail, mission critical, multifamily, senior living and residential real estate. Its portfolio is anchored by SubTropolis, the world's largest underground business complex. Hunt Midwest is a Kansas City-based, privately held company owned by the Lamar Hunt family. The Hunt family business is a diverse portfolio of entities involved in real estate, sports/media, energy/resources, private equity and investments. Marquee entities include the Kansas City Chiefs, Hunt Midwest, FC Dallas Soccer Club, Toyota Stadium, Chicago Bulls and United Center.

About LightEdge Solutions

[LightEdge Solutions](#) offers dynamic end-to-end network, colocation and IT cloud solutions, providing businesses with reliable access to Fortune 100-level infrastructure that quickly adapts and scales to meet changing business requirements. LightEdge, which is owned by The Anschutz Corporation, was founded in 1996 and is headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa. LightEdge serves both Midwestern and national companies from its five regional office locations with scalable and customized IT solutions that leverage a fully redundant network backbone and a team of experienced engineers.

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