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***Howard Center Leverages Burlington Telecom's City-wide Fiber Network
with 10Gb and 1Gb Network Links***

BURLINGTON, VT – The Howard Center in Burlington announced today that Burlington Telecom has been contracted to provide the Howard Center with a high-bandwidth, cost effective Metro Area Network Ethernet solution for Business Continuity and Disaster Recovery.

The arrangement involves the provisioning of ultra-high-speed (1Gb and 10Gb) data connections to BT's Data Colocation facility for several of the agency's larger, geographically separated offices, providing connectivity across the City as if all users were in the same office. According to Russ Stratton, Howard's Information Technology Director, client organizations like the Howard Center previously have had very limited options for data connectivity, with pricing too high to be practical at these bandwidths. "This has allowed us to move away from a costly MPLS network solution with much lower connection speeds, to a usable, flat, easily managed Ethernet network. When implemented with BT's colocation services, it is proving to be a great solution for us."

BT offers these services to multi-location businesses to ease the burden of computing services access and expansion within the City confines. The BT Fiber-to-the-Premise network allows for computing solutions that will change the way business is conducted for businesses located within Vermont's largest city.

For further information about the Howard Center visit www.howardcenter.org.

Since February 2006, Burlington Telecom has provided fiber-to-home telecommunication services—including cable TV, telephone and symmetrical high-speed Internet. BT offers the citizens of Burlington up-to-date access emphasizing quality customer service and reliability at reasonable cost. A department of the City of Burlington, Burlington Telecom is municipally owned and operates with sales of service as opposed to taxpayer funding. BT is one of 34 all fiber networks as certified by the FTTH Council. For more information about Burlington Telecom, visit www.burlingtontelecom.net.

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