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OpenCape Chooses RCN Metro to Build and Operate Advanced Fiber Network in Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands

- Telecommunications network will support economic development and create a regional umbrella services network for governmental activities -

HERNDON, VA, 22 July, 2009 – RCN Metro Optical Networks, a division of RCN Corporation (NASDAQ: RCNI) and a premier provider of fiber optic-based network solutions, announced today that it was selected by OpenCape Corporation as its network partner to build and operate a 300-mile fiber network across Southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands. RCN Metro Optical Networks was chosen after OpenCape’s exhaustive due diligence and from a long list of competitors. The OpenCape Corporation, a non-profit 501(c)(3), intends to apply in August for a \$40 million grant under the federal Broadband Technology Opportunity Grant (BTOP) program of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to build the network.

“OpenCape is excited and pleased to have a partner with the experience and footprint of RCN Metro. The technical knowledge they bring to the table is a great fit, but more importantly they offer the business skills that will ensure the success and sustainability of this regional initiative,” said Dan Gallagher, President of OpenCape.

RCN Metro will build and manage operations for the regional open access network. Municipal, public safety, and private last mile providers will be able to connect to the OpenCape network for data transport throughout the region and to the Internet backbone in Boston and Providence. The added capacity will help the region develop economically and offer increased competitive opportunities for businesses, residents, nonprofits, and public service organizations across the region.

“RCN Metro is pleased with the opportunity to work with OpenCape Corporation on this important initiative serving private and public sectors in Southeastern Massachusetts and on the Cape and Islands,” said Felipe Alvarez, President of RCN Metro Optical Networks. “RCN Metro has long supported underserved markets, and we are dedicated to offering communities in this region a meaningful choice in telecommunication services through our high quality service offerings.”

The relationship is an example of the public-private partnership that the federal stimulus funds hope to encourage, combining public and private investment, and regional and business know-how to develop needed digital infrastructure to support the region in this digital century. Adds Gallagher, “this is a once in a generation opportunity to build the telecommunications infrastructure that will serve southeast Massachusetts for the next 50 years.”

About OpenCape

The OpenCape Corporation (www.opencape.com) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. OpenCape Corporation’s purpose is to fulfill the need for a regional communications network on Cape Cod and the Islands to enhance education, research, and economic development, AND provide for an emergency communications network in times of crisis.

About RCN Metro Optical Networks

RCN Metro, <http://www.rcnmetro.com>, is a premier provider of high-capacity transport services for carriers as well as large and medium-sized businesses. RCN Metro offers a comprehensive suite of services including: Ethernet, SONET, Wavelength, Video Transport, Internet and more. With a network leveraging unique rights-of-way, spanning from Maine to Virginia and out to Chicago, RCN Metro deploys custom solutions to service providers as well as companies in the finance, hospitality, media, government, health care and education industries. RCN Metro is a wholly owned division of RCN Corporation.

About RCN Corporation

RCN Corporation, (NASDAQ: (RCNI) <http://www.rcn.com>, is a competitive broadband services provider delivering all-digital and high definition video, high-speed internet and premium voice services to residential and small-medium business customers under the brand names of RCN and RCN Business Services, respectively. In addition, through its RCN Metro Optical Networks business unit, RCN delivers fiber-based high-capacity data transport services to large commercial customers, primarily large enterprises and carriers, targeting the metropolitan central business districts in the company's geographic markets. RCN's primary service areas include Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley (PA), New York City, Boston and Chicago. RCNI-G

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