

Ericsson to build and manage advanced fiber city network for Swedish municipality

Ericsson (NASDAQ:ERIC) has signed a contract to further develop and manage an operator-neutral city network in Hudiksvall, Sweden. It is the first time Ericsson has taken on both expansion and operation of a city network. Hudiksvall's existing fiber-optic system has made the city a center of global research and science studies.

The city network is the foundation for an innovative communications environment that Hudiksvall is building to promote economic growth. The open-network broadband solution allows residents to select services from an internet service provider of their choice. Residents will be able to select individualized, high-speed broadband services, such as high-definition IPTV and video-on-demand.

"The cooperation with Ericsson enables us to continue expanding the fiber-optic network and this project represents a major investment by Hudiksvall Municipality. The longstanding cooperation will also strengthen the development of qualified higher educational programs and R&D within the field of fiber optics and take our efforts to the next level", says Sven-Åke Thoresen, Mayor of Hudiksvall.

"Ericsson is taking the next step in delivering next-generation city network for competitive IT infrastructure solutions for open networks. Open networks provide municipalities, and their residents, with economies of scale and the highest level of services. We are proud to be selected as the partner for Hudiksvall", says Mikael Bäckström, President of Ericsson Nordic and Baltics.

Ericsson will manage the network for Zitius, the open-access network operator, until 2016. Under the agreement, Ericsson will supply and deploy EDA 1200 fiber-access switches and metro aggregation, as well as SmartEdge Multi-Service Edge Routers and core network products. Starting this month, Ericsson will roll out fiber connections to individual homes.

Notes to editors:

Press release about Ericsson and King Abdullah Economic City:

<http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/releases/20080828-1246724.shtml>

Press releases about Ericsson and Trikala city, Greece:

<http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/releases/20070302-1109053.shtml>

<http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/releases/20071210-1174464.shtml>

Press release about Ericsson and Nigerian telecom company 21st Century Technologies:

<http://www.ericsson.com/ericsson/press/releases/20081218-1278242.shtml>

White Paper "Full Service Broadband access"

http://www.ericsson.com/technology/whitepapers/broadband/fsb_access.shtml

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About Zitius:

Zitius Service Delivery is an operator of FTTH (fiber to the home) open access networks. The subscribers on the open access network gets triple-play (Internet, telephony and TV) services from multiple competing Service Providers. Zitius is offering wholesale services and delivers value to all Service Providers equally. www.zitius.com.