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## ADTRAN Wins UC2B Broadband Stimulus Project for the University of Illinois and the cities of Champaign and Urbana

## Project Delivers Next-Generation Broadband Services to Public and Private Institutions for Health Care, Education, Public Safety and Social Services

HUNTSVILLE, Ala.--(Month xx, 2011)—ADTRAN<sup>®</sup>, Inc., (NASDAQ:ADTN), a leading provider of next-generation networking solutions, today announced that the University of Illinois and the cities of Champaign and Urbana have selected ADTRAN for the Urbana-Champaign Big Broadband (UC2B) Broadband Stimulus project. This project will bring high-speed Fiber-to-the-Premises services to K-12 schools, low-income and underserved communities, as well as provide high-bandwidth data services to business customers and Community Anchor Institutions. This is the first phase of the project and is planned to extend services to more than 10,000 residents in the area.

"The UC2B project is very important to the Champaign-Urbana region as it allows a new subset of customers to have access to next-generation broadband services that will provide better connectivity to both public and private institutions such as health care, education, libraries public safety and social service agencies and senior living centers," said Mike Smeltzer, director of Physical Infrastructure at the University of Illinois. "After extensive evaluation of competitive solutions, we selected ADTRAN's Total Access 5000 to provide fiber-based gigabit connectivity to some 2,700 households, businesses and Community Anchor Institutions."

ADTRAN's extensive broadband portfolio, including the Total Access 5000, was designed with the industry's most flexible feature set, allowing new services to be easily launched to meet customer demand and reach new areas previously unserved by high-speed bandwidth services. With a multi-terabit backplane, the Total Access 5000 offers unmatched capacity and scalability enabling networks to evolve well into the future.

"Broadband Stimulus grants have provided communities with a tremendous opportunity to reach a new set of customers and provide access to services that could potentially have a life-altering impact," said P. Steven Locke, vice president of sales, service providers, ADTRAN Carrier Networks Division. "ADTRAN continues its commitment to support communities throughout the U.S. during the Broadband Stimulus process. We look forward to a long-term partnership with the University of Illinois and the cities of Champaign and Urbana as they deliver access to high-bandwidth services for a broad set of residential and business customers."

## About the UC2B Project

UC2B is an intergovernmental consortium of the University of Illinois and the cities of Urbana and Champaign dedicated to building and operating an open-access fiber-optic broadband network throughout the Champaign-Urbana area. The project is made possible by a \$22.5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) provided a \$3.5 million grant and local public and private organizations added an additional \$3.4 million to fund the project.

The foundation of the UC2B network will be a seven-ring fiber-optic "backbone" infrastructure that will be constructed with the grant money. The grant also will provide symmetrical 1 Gbps Fiber-to-the-Premises (FTTP) connectivity directly to well over 150 Community Anchor Institutions throughout Champaign, Urbana, and Savoy and to households and businesses in eleven underserved neighborhoods in Champaign and Urbana.

This direct connectivity will enable improved access/support to health care, educational and recreational institutions, public safety and government agencies, and social service and religious organizations, as well as increased access to public computing centers. Employment, entertainment, and social networking opportunities will also be enhanced.

## About ADTRAN

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