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## **Spirit Communications and Lumos Networks Announce Network Expansion of Express Cloud Access Service**

*High-performance cloud access solution now available across super-regional fiber network*

Waynesboro, Va., and Columbia, S.C., May 15, 2018 The combination of Spirit Communications and Lumos Networks, a super-regional provider of fiber-bandwidth in the mid-Atlantic and Southeast, announced that Express Cloud Access service is now available across Spirit's footprint in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia. Express Cloud Access provides carrier-class, direct access to multiple Cloud Service Providers (CSPs). The service was launched on Lumos' Mid-Atlantic network in 2016 and now operates across the combined company's [nine-state footprint](#).

Express Cloud Access allows a customer to bypass the public Internet and connect to a CSP directly, with speed, reliability and security superior to the public Internet. With Express Cloud Access, the CSP becomes a virtual endpoint on the customer's WAN that users can access with the same network performance and security as any other endpoint on the WAN.

A 2017 [MacAfee report on the state of cloud adoption and security](#) found that 93% of businesses are using cloud services and cloud spending is expected to consume 80% of all IT budgets by 2019. "These trends underscore the importance of carrier-class, network access to CSPs. Without it, cloud services may not have acceptable response times, which can negatively affect a business," said Dan Watts, head of Product Management for the combined company. "If a company doesn't use the public Internet for their corporate WAN, why would they rely on it for connectivity to a key CSP? Express Cloud Access helps maximize the performance of cloud resources. The bigger a company's investment in the cloud, the more important this performance becomes."

"Expanding the reach of Express Cloud Access will help businesses in the Southeast protect the response time of their cloud resources from potential congestion, latency, and data exposure on the public Internet," said Greg Guerra, Chief Operating Officer of the combination of Lumos Networks and Spirit Communications. "Now, we can bring the Express Cloud Access service directly to the doors of these organizations via our fiber network. There are a significant number of enterprises that will benefit from the combination of carrier-class access to CSPs, delivered over a super-regional fiber network."

Express Cloud Access supports a wide variety of speeds. CSPs accessible through the service include Amazon Web Services, Microsoft Azure, Office 365, Google Cloud Platform, SoftLayer, Oracle Cloud, and others. To learn more, visit the [Spirit Communications](#) or [Lumos Networks](#) website.



### **About the Combination of Spirit Communications and Lumos Networks**

The combination of Spirit Communications and Lumos Networks creates a super-regional fiber bandwidth network with over 21,000 miles of fiber and more than 9,000 on-net locations across nine states in the Mid-Atlantic and Southeast United States. The new entity offers a full range of Ethernet, MPLS, dark fiber, advanced voice and cloud services to thousands of carrier, enterprise, data center and government customers. The entity's network also connects directly to 44 total data centers, including Lumos-owned sites and Spirit facilities.

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