

PRESS RELEASE:

FTTH Council Europe Seeks Director General to Guide Continued Success

Full-time Position Created to Reflect the Growth of the Council

27th April 2007 – Experienced, articulate and well-regarded candidates from across the European IT and Telecommunications industries are being invited to apply for the role of Director General of the FTTH Council Europe.

The newly created position - incorporating the functions of chief administrator and spokesperson amongst many other duties - is viewed as a critical appointment by the recently elected board of the FTTH Council Europe, as it embarks on a seminal 12 months of renewed growth and a broader set of industry activities.

The position is designed to develop continuity in the work of the FTTH Council as it moves forward into what is perhaps the most crucial time for European FTTH, supporting the Council's aim to reach a 10-fold increase of new FTTH connections in the coming 3-5 years.

Since the inception of the FTTH Council Europe in 2004, the market for FTTH in Europe has developed substantially, and with numerous deployments now underway it is now broadly accepted as the future broadband technology for Europe.

The Council itself has also witnessed significant growth, almost doubling in size to more than 70 members. Its latest Annual Conference held in Barcelona this year, attracted an impressive 1200 visitors, a sign that it has become the authoritative and independent voice throughout the industry.

A full job description is available at the FTTH Council Europe secretariat, which can be contacted at europaefnfo@ftthcouncil.org

The chosen candidate will be able to demonstrate a rounded technical and economical knowledge of the market situation for broadband and FTTH in Europe, based on at least 3-5 years of experience in an IT or IT-related business.

As a not-for-profit organisation, an independent stance is critical to the Council, and the candidate must be free of all commercial links to vendors, able to communicate a wholly neutral position to the industry. In addition, the successful candidate will be called upon for

numerous public speaking duties, including conference presentations and communicating with the European media, and as such must be a recognisable spokesperson within the industry.

Key responsibilities within the role of Director General will include membership and committee development and chairing the newly created editorial committee.

The paid-for position is renewed on an annual basis. All submissions should be sent to europaefthcouncil.org by no later than May 16th. Following this, the Executive Board will select a candidate, to be publicly announced in the summer of 2007.

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About the Fibre to the Home (FTTH) Council Europe

The FTTH Council Europe www.europaefthcouncil.com is a market development organisation with a mission to accelerate the availability of fibre-based, broadband access networks to consumers and businesses. With few exceptions, Europe lags well behind the US and Asian tiger economies in the availability of high-speed broadband services (10 Mbps and upwards). The Council believes that the development of fibre-based access networks is fundamental to the deployment of such services, and hence to reaping their benefits for European citizens and businesses.

The Council's charter is to work with European governments, policy-makers and opinion leaders qualify and quantify the benefits to be gained from fibre-based broadband access networks, and to identify and help to erode the barriers to their development. Council members are drawn from the telecoms (vendors), broadband content and academic sectors.

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