

## **LIFE's Fiber Network Brings Obama Inauguration into Long Island Classrooms**

NESCONSET, N.Y., March 10 /PRNewswire/ -- Long Island Fiber Exchange (LIFE) demonstrated the power of their flexible and fully managed fiber based network by temporarily boosting internet bandwidth to help the Long Island education community view the Presidential inauguration ceremonies.

LIFE supports the fiber optic and internet networking needs of over fifty school district clients on Long Island and has a long history helping school districts save money. In this case, LIFE increased internet bandwidth for its school district internet customers at no charge. "We wanted to help the schools share this special moment in our nation's history with their students and staff. This was a great way to show our appreciation to our valued customers and at the same time help the schools make full use of their technology investments," said Kurt Berlinghof one of LIFE's Principals.

Since most school districts use 5-10 Mbps of bandwidth, LIFE engineers realized that a temporary boost to 100 Mbps would enable a crystal clear broadcast of the inauguration ceremonies over the school districts' networks. LIFE's internet service rides on its flexible and fully managed fiber based network. The bandwidth was increased quickly and without a hitch.

According to Douglas Ward, *Coordinator of Instructional Technology* at the Lindenhurst Public Schools, "Every school in Lindenhurst (all nine) streamed the Inauguration thanks to LIFE and our IT dept. Some of the schools showed it in almost every classroom. One 5th grade teacher told me 'I'm 45 years old and I don't ever remember watching an Inauguration in school...ever. I won't forget this one.'"

Long Island Fiber Exchange (LIFE) is a growing and profitable facilities-based Competitive Local Exchange Carrier (CLEC) that owns an existing 500 mile fiber optic network in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. LIFE's services include constructing, managing and maintaining secure and affordable private fiber optic networks for clients. Additionally, LIFE offers High-Speed Internet Access, Voice Services, Colocation, Website Design/Hosting, E-Mail Services, SPAM Filtering, Data Backup/Disaster Recovery, and Network Integration. Headquartered in Nesconset, LIFE now employs a staff of forty five people including field engineers, technicians, programmers

and administrative staff. LIFE is a value-added reseller of several vendors including Alcatel-Lucent and Barracuda Networks. LIFE has recently acquired Long Island Internet & Network Solutions provider Exobit Networks, Inc..

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