AT&T Continues 2014 Hiring With Plans To Fill More Than 120 Jobs In Ohio Thursday, November 13, 2014 02:12:00 PM (GMT)

Continued investment results in hiring of more than 1,600 Ohioans over 22-month period

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Nov. 13, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- AT&T* today announced that the company is seeking applicants to fill more than 120 jobs around Ohio, including more than 90 new jobs. This comes as the company totals its hires in Ohio over the 22-month period from January 2013 through October 2014 at more than 1,600, including positions in IT/engineering, retail, technician, call center, business solutions and corporate support categories.

The hirings reflect AT&T's continuing investment in its Ohio network and team. AT&T invested more than \$1.6 billion in its Ohio wireless and wireline networks from 2011 through 2013, with a focus on expanding 4G LTE mobile Internet coverage and enhancing the overall performance of its networks.

"Ohio's broadband network is one of the most important infrastructure components for our state's economy and for our residents' ability to prosper at work and at home," said State Senator Cliff Hite. "I'm excited to hear that AT&T continues to offer good-paying job openings with benefits throughout the Buckeye State, many of which are focused on the build-out of their broadband network."

AT&T's investments included deployment of new macro cell sites, small cells and Distributed Antenna Systems across the state as a part of AT&T's Project Velocity IP, a three-year investment plan announced in 2012 to expand and enhance its IP broadband networks. The company also expanded and enhanced its 4G LTE network, which provides ultra-fast mobile Internet speeds, and deployed new Wi-Fi hot spots.

AT&T jobs are among the best in the world and full- and part-time positions include competitive wages and benefits. AT&T is regularly recognized for training and development programs that are among the best in the country, and invested about \$280 million training employees and about \$26.6 million in tuition aid during 2012.

Hiring our nation's heroes is a priority for the company. More than 3,600 veterans started new careers at AT&T across the country in 2013. And with veterans' skills proving to be a good fit for the company's needs, AT&T has doubled its hiring goal for veterans and their family members to 10,000 over a five year period, consistent with its commitment to equal employment opportunities. Military veterans can learn more about careers at AT&T here.

"AT&T continues to invest in our network throughout Ohio to ensure we are providing the high level of service customers have come to expect of the nation's most reliable 4G LTE network**," said Adam Grzybicki, President of AT&T Ohio. "As we continue to focus on wireline and wireless network upgrades, we are proud to have the opportunity to welcome more Ohioans into the AT&T family."

To see the available positions in Ohio and to apply for open positions, please visit connect.att.jobs/Ohio.

Over the past six years (2008 to 2013), AT&T invested more than \$140 billion into its wireless and wireline networks, when you combine capital investment and acquisitions of spectrum and wireless operations. Since 2008, AT&T has invested more capital into the U.S. economy than any other public company. In a September 2014 report, the Progressive Policy Institute ranked AT&T No. 1 on its list of U.S. "Investment Heroes," a ranking AT&T has achieved for the third straight year.

For more information about AT&T's wireless coverage in Ohio or anywhere in the U.S., consumers can visit the <u>AT&T Coverage Viewer</u>. Using the online tool, AT&T customers can measure quality of coverage from a street address, intersection, ZIP code or even a landmark. For updates on the AT&T wireless network, please visit the <u>AT&T network news</u> page.

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