



DE-CIX Chicago Achieves Open-IX OIX-1 Certification

DE-CIX Dallas, DE-CIX New York Renew OIX-1 Certifications Illustrating Commitment to Maintaining Industry Recognized Interconnection Standards

NEW YORK, 10 March 2021 - [DE-CIX](#), the world's leading carrier and data center neutral Internet Exchange (IX) operator expands its support of [Open-IX](#) Internet Exchange standards, obtaining OIX-1 certification for DE-CIX Chicago. DE-CIX Chicago is the company's newest IX, launched in December 2020, and is the third location it operates in North America to achieve OIX-1 certification.

Open-IX, launched in 2014, is an industry-led volunteer organization focused on creating best-of-breed standards for Internet Exchange Providers (IXP OIX-1) and Data Center Providers (DC OIX-2). Open-IX fosters mutually beneficial ecosystems built upon core values and best practices designed, moderated and certified by industry professionals. The association provides operators with IX and data center technical standards that ensure uniformity for data transformation and physical connectivity to create more resilient and reliable solutions. Certification is achieved through an application and review process, and is self-regulated to foster critical data center and IXP technical and operating standards.

"Since its inception, Open-IX has raised the bar on interconnection and ecosystem standards for IXs and data centers, providing a solid framework of best practices for operators," comments Ed d'Agostino, VP and Managing Director of DE-CIX North America. "It was important to ensure our third IX in North America, DE-CIX Chicago, achieved its OIX-1 certification along with DE-CIX Dallas and DE-CIX New York, further illustrating our dedication to maintaining the highest standards of interconnection infrastructure."

"Open-IX wants to take this opportunity to acknowledge DE-CIX's continued commitment to enhancing open interconnection, globally," said Eli D. Scher, Chairman of Open-IX. "We are honored that DE-CIX continues to seek Open-IX certification for its North American IXPs. The support of the global leader in IXPs is undoubtedly critical to our mission of promoting an open and distributed interconnection



ecosystem. We not only appreciate DE-CIX's continued commitment to OIX-1 certification, but also the countless volunteer hours of its talented team."

DE-CIX has continued to maintain and adhere to its Open-IX OIX-1 certification since receiving it in 2015 in DE-CIX New York and at DE-CIX Dallas since 2016. The OIX-1 certification is specifically designed for Internet Exchanges serving as a point of network interconnection. It is validation that DE-CIX has met the strictest criteria defined by global industry veterans and that DE-CIX's infrastructure has proven to be of the highest standard for interconnection, resilience and reliability.

To learn more about DE-CIX visit www.de-cix.net. To read more about Open-IX and its IXP OIX-1 and data center OIX-2 certification standards visit www.open-ix.org.

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About Open-IX Association

The Open-IX Association (OIX) (www.open-ix.org) is an internet community effort to improve the landscape of internet peering and interconnection. OIX encourages the development of neutral and distributed internet exchanges, while promoting uniform standards of performance for interconnections backed by the internet community. In 2018, Open-IX became an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Accredited Association, joining nearly 250 ANSI-Accredited Standards Developers engaged in the creation and maintenance of voluntary consensus standards. The Association aims to promote common and uniform specifications for data transfer and physical connectivity and improve overall internet performance by developing criteria and methods of measurement to reduce the complexity that restricts interconnection in fragmented markets.

About DE-CIX

DE-CIX (German Commercial Internet Exchange) is one of the world's leading operators of Internet Exchanges. In total, in its 28 locations in Europe, the Middle East, Asia and North America, DE-CIX provides over 2200 network operators, Internet service providers (ISPs) and content providers from more than 100 countries with peering and interconnection services. The connected customer capacity of all DE-CIX locations worldwide exceeds 70 Terabits. Taken into operation in 1995, DE-CIX in Frankfurt, Germany, with a data throughput of more than 10 Terabits per second (Tbps) and over 1000 connected networks, is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world. Further information at www.de-cix.net.

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