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DE-CIX Richmond Donates to CodeRVA High School

CodeRVA is a public magnet school aimed at developing critical thinkers for Richmond's growing tech sector

Richmond, VA, September 8, 2022 - <u>DE-CIX</u>, the world's leading Internet Exchange (IX) operator and home to the largest carrier and data center neutral interconnection ecosystem on the planet, announces that <u>DE-CIX Richmond</u>, the market's leading neutral interconnection ecosystem, has made a donation to <u>CodeRVA Regional High School</u>, a public magnet school serving 344 students in grades 9-12 located in Richmond, Virginia.

CodeRVA was founded in 2017 to develop students' self-management skills in a blended learning experience that integrates academic content, agile workplace methodologies and internship experiences to provide a pipeline of critical thinkers prepared to enter college or Richmond's growing tech sector.

DE-CIX Richmond, launched in November 2021, upgraded the local interconnection market's capabilities with the company's award-winning Apollon multi-service interconnection platform. As a result, more networks gain access to more services to bring additional capacity, redundancy, and scalability - while improving connectivity - to the Richmond metro market.

"It has been an exciting year at DE-CIX, and the work we are doing in Richmond is personally rewarding as well – to be able to work with such great data center partners such as EdgeConneX, Pixel Factory, and QTS Data Centers," comments Kendra Pignotti, Market Lead - Richmond, DE-CIX North America. "We also have this great opportunity to support CodeRVA and the efforts that Kume and her team put into teaching and empowering future generations for careers in high tech."

"We are thrilled to have the support of DE-CIX Richmond and the greater technology community," adds <u>Kume Goranson</u>, Ed.D., Executive Director of CodeRVA Regional High School. "Each day we hope to empower our students with critical thinking skills that translate into long and fulfilling careers in the tech industry. We could not do our work without the generous donations of both local and international partners."

Richmond, Virginia is a network convergence point and a burgeoning interconnection hub in North

America. Richmond serves as a key market for international subsea cables, acting as a natural

interconnection point enabling networks to transmit data capacity north, south, and west.

Furthermore, network thoroughfares enable extended, low latency connectivity to Eastern and

Coastal Carolina communities, enabling interconnection at the edge, expanding reach to underserved

and hard to reach areas. DE-CIX Richmond now serves as the mid-Atlantic interconnection hub,

enabling connectivity from land to sea.

DE-CIX Richmond offers multi-service interconnection solutions, more than just peering. DE-CIX

services include DirectCLOUD, with access to leading cloud providers; enhanced security with

Blackholing capabilities and RPKI policies; enterprise solutions such as Closed User Groups, and

more. DE-CIX Richmond is available directly from EdgeConneX, QTS Richmond, and Pixel Factory data

centers.

For more information about DE-CIX Richmond click here.

About DE-CIX North America

DE-CIX North America Inc., established in 2013, is a wholly owned subsidiary of DE-CIX International AG, the international arm of DE-CIX, the world's leading Internet Exchange operator. Together, the DE-CIX Internet Exchanges in New York, Dallas, Chicago, Richmond and Phoenix create the largest neutral interconnection ecosystem in North America. DE-CIX is providing network and data center-neutral peering and interconnection services in North America. With access to DE-CIX North Americas' Internet Exchanges, customers gain more control of their networks and access to world-class content providers, as well as IP transit, Virtual Private Network (VPN) and Blackholing services to mitigate the effects of DDoS attacks.

DE-CIX New York is the 5th largest Internet Exchange in the US. It is carrier and data center-neutral and Open-IX certified. The IX platform is distributed across major carrier hotels and data centers throughout each metro region it serves. DE-CIX operates more access points than any other Internet Exchange in North America.

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About DE-CIX

DE-CIX (German Commercial Internet Exchange) is the world's leading operator of Internet Exchanges (IXs). At its close to 40 locations in Europe, Africa, North America, the Middle East, India, and Asia, DE-CIX interconnects thousands of network operators (carriers), Internet service providers (ISPs), content providers and enterprise networks from more than 100 countries, and offers peering, cloud, and interconnection services. DE-CIX in Frankfurt, Germany, is one of the largest Internet Exchanges in the world, with a data volume of close to 30 Exabytes per year (as of 2021) and close to 1100 connected networks. More than 200 colleagues from over 30 different nations form the foundation of the DE-CIX success story in Germany and around the world. Since the beginning of the commercial Internet, DE-CIX has had a decisive influence – in a range of leading global bodies, such as the Internet Engineering Task Force (IETF) – on co-defining guiding principles for the Internet of the present and the future. As the operator of critical IT infrastructure, DE-CIX bears a great responsibility for the seamless, fast, and secure data exchange between people, enterprises, and organizations at its locations around the globe.

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