



## Shentel Business Builds Fiber Network in Western Maryland

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*Partners with Maryland Research and Education Network to connect campuses with high-speed service*

EDINBURG, VA (January 26, 2021) – Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (“Shentel”) (Nasdaq: SHEN), a leading provider of fiber-optic services in the Mid-Atlantic region, has announced today that they have entered into an agreement with Maryland Research and Education Network (MDREN), a technology service provider at the University System of Maryland (USM), to connect USM campuses, including the University of Maryland, College Park flagship campus to Frostburg State University, with high-speed fiber network services. The project will give vastly improved connectivity resources to underserved and unserved students in the area who need access to remote learning.

Shentel Business will provide a unique fiber route that will pass through Berkeley Springs, WV, then through Hancock and Cumberland, finally ending at Frostburg in Maryland. The fiber installation will run along Route 40, providing new network connection opportunities for not only the University System of Maryland’s western-most campus in Frostburg, but for other educational institutions and the underserved business communities throughout Western Maryland as well.

“Shentel Business’ continued expansion underscores our commitment to the state of Maryland’s businesses and organizations that are in need of more network connectivity options to fuel their growth,” said Craig Venable, Vice President of Commercial Sales, Shentel Business. “Be it health care, education, manufacturing or other sectors, our world-class fiber network will provide needed technology across the entire commercial spectrum.”

Shentel’s corporate mission is to provide rural communities the same advanced communications technologies and services as those found in larger metropolitan areas. In keeping with this commitment, Shentel Business partnered with MDREN to bring fiber through Western Maryland. This partnership will enable Shentel Business to offer dedicated, Ethernet-based network connections with internet speeds from 20 Mbps up to 100 Gbps that are symmetrical and supported by service-level guarantees.

“This partnership is a great example of public-private partnership collaboration at its best. Together, MDREN is able to address unserved educational communities while Shentel steers its resources toward addressing unserved business communities in Western Maryland,” said MDREN Executive Director Ray Barghi. “We are pleased that in this partnership with Shentel, MDREN continues to emerge as a champion for unserved, underserved and underprivileged communities.”

For more information about Shentel Business, please visit [www.shentelbusiness.com](http://www.shentelbusiness.com) or call 1-800-SHENTEL (1-800-743-6835).

### About Shenandoah Telecommunications

Shenandoah Telecommunications Company (Shentel) provides a broad range of diversified communications services through its high speed, state-of-the-art wireless, cable and fiber optic networks to customers in the Mid-Atlantic United States. The Company’s services include: wireless voice and data; broadband internet, video, and digital voice; fiber optic Ethernet, wavelength and leasing; telephone voice and digital subscriber line; and tower colocation leasing. Shentel is the exclusive personal communications service (“PCS”) Affiliate of Sprint in a multi-state area covering large portions of central and western Virginia, south-central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and portions of Maryland, Kentucky, and Ohio. For more information, please visit [www.shentel.com](http://www.shentel.com).

### About MDREN

MDREN is a significant technology service provider at the University System of Maryland. MDREN provides advanced network and professional service to more than 40 education, research, and public service institutions throughout Maryland and connections to regional and national resources. Since 1989 MDREN has been the trusted partner for accelerating education and research through collaboration, partnerships, and broadband connectivity for K-20 institutions in Maryland. *For more information, please visit [www.mdren.net](http://www.mdren.net)*

The [USM](http://www.usm.edu) comprises 12 institutions and three regional centers. Systemwide, student enrollment exceeds 172,000. The USM and its institutions compete successfully nearly \$1.5 billion in external grants and contracts annually. USM institutions and programs are among the nation’s best in quality and value according to several national rankings.

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