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Alegent Health, Pinpoint Announce Fiber Project

Alegent Health Beta-tests Dark Fiber Solution

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(Omaha) September 29, 2008 – Today, Alegent Health and Pinpoint Network Solutions announced the signing of a one-year agreement to beta-test Pinpoint's dark fiber service.

Digital medical libraries and advanced medical imaging offer Alegent Health the opportunity to dramatically improve the quality and delivery of patient care. Those applications, combined with new federal data protection and disaster recovery requirements, can quickly diminish the capacity of Alegent Health's network. The dark fiber solution proposed by Pinpoint Network Solutions is designed to provide Alegent Health with a way to accommodate current bandwidth requirements, increase the reliability of Alegent Health's nine hospital system network and maintain sufficient flexibility to accommodate increasing bandwidth demands in the future.

Using dark rather than lit fiber to transfer company data will also enhance network security. A lit fiber, or public network, would require Alegent Health to share fiber optic space, but with the implementation of a dark fiber solution, Alegent Health will maintain exclusive control over the network. The organization's ability to manage the network with in-house staff will also reduce overall networking costs for the organization.

"We are pleased to be a strategic partner with Pinpoint Network Solutions and look forward to working with them as our network demands increase," said Ken Lawonn, senior vice president and chief innovation officer for Alegent Health. Lawonn adds, "Ultimately, the dark fiber solution will allow my department to manage and support a robust network infrastructure that will enable us to meet and exceed both administrative and patient care needs."

The first phase of Alegent's Dark Fiber project has been completed and Alegent Health is expected to grow their fiber ring by early June, 2009.

About Pinpoint Network Solutions: PPNS is a Nebraska based company located in the Scott Technology Center in Omaha, Nebraska. It provides the entire array of communication services with a private, non-compromised network for the Omaha area, in addition to a regional network from Denver to Chicago and Chicago to New Orleans. The company has facilities in Denver, Omaha, Des Moines, Quad Cities, and Chicago. Services provided by Pinpoint include transport, Voice over Internet Protocol, data center services and Internet. Pinpoint's *IP Connect* is a unique solution that allows businesses access to a dedicated, secure

connection on their exclusive IP Network and provides access to all services, including transport, VoIP, data center, internet, and other mission critical applications.

About Alegent Health: Alegent Health is the largest not-for-profit, faith-based healthcare system in Nebraska and southwestern Iowa with nine acute care hospitals, more than 100 sites of service, over 1,300 physicians on its medical staff and roughly 9,000 employees. Alegent Health is making health care better with an exceptional commitment to quality and by providing patient focused care for the body, mind and spirit of every person consistent with its faith-based mission. Alegent Health continues the health ministry begun by its sponsors, Catholic Health Initiatives and Immanuel Health Systems, more than a hundred years ago. At Alegent Health, patients and their families find a continuum of care, from women's and children's services, primary care, wellness counseling, and senior care to cardiovascular services, orthopaedics, oncology, physical rehabilitation, home care and behavioral health.

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Photos, interviews and actualities are available upon request.