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Enable Services partners with Huawei for Christchurch UFB build

Enable Services Limited has today announced a partnership with Huawei New Zealand to supply the fibre equipment required for Christchurch's UFB network, and for services to manage operations and maintenance.

The multi-million dollar contract covers the provision of all network equipment, including fibre ducting, fibre optic cables and open access layer two network solutions. It will also provide the service expertise required for the 3,500 kilometre UFB network that will extend across Christchurch and into growing centres in Waimakariri and Selwyn Districts.

Enable Services, General Manager Network, John Humm says, "It's very pleasing to have finalised a deal with Huawei – a company with significant global experience and capability in delivering world-class fibre networks and one that has demonstrated its commitment to growing its business in New Zealand.

"Since we won the UFB contract last year, we've been busy locking in supplier relationships required to deliver on this enormous project. This key relationship is one of the most important," says Mr Humm.

"The network equipment provided by Huawei is going to deliver services to our homes, schools and businesses for the next 50 years and more."

Mr Humm says Huawei won the contract thanks to its track record in delivering fibre infrastructure, reputation for quality products, commitment to New Zealand, professionalism and delivery timeframes.

Huawei NZ CEO Arthur Zhang says, "We are very excited to be working with Enable Services – as they deploy network to the second largest UFB coverage area. We are very committed to developing our business in New Zealand and playing a significant role in this very important fibre infrastructure project."

This contract is the second major UFB partnership in New Zealand for Huawei. The company won a similar contract late last year to build the UFB network for Ultrafast Fibre in the Hamilton/Central North Island region.

Technical Details

Huawei will supply the optical equipment, including micro tube ducting and optical fibre cables, as well as open access Ethernet network solutions.

The access network will use leading edge Gigabit Passive Optical Network (GPON) and Gigabit Point to Point Ethernet over the Huawei network equipment, and a Metro Ethernet switching system.

It will be managed with Huawei's unified Network Management System.

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About Enable Services Limited

Enable Services Limited has partnered with Crown Fibre Holdings Limited to build and operate the ultra-fast broadband (UFB) network for Christchurch and surrounding centres.

In November 2011, deployment of the UFB network in Christchurch began. This network will pass 180,000 homes, schools and businesses in Christchurch, Rangiora, Kaiapoi, Woodend, Lincoln, Prebbleton and Rolleston.

The Enable UFB network will play a vital role as Christchurch rebuilds – it will sit at the heart of the vision for a 21st century city. It will generate new industry, provide unprecedented access to global markets and services for local businesses, and enable the people of Christchurch to connect with each other in exciting new ways.

More information about Enable is available from enable.net.nz.

About Huawei New Zealand

Huawei is a leading global information and communications technology (ICT) solutions provider. Through its dedication to customer-centric innovation and strong partnerships, Huawei has established end-to-end advantages in telecom networks, devices and cloud computing.

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