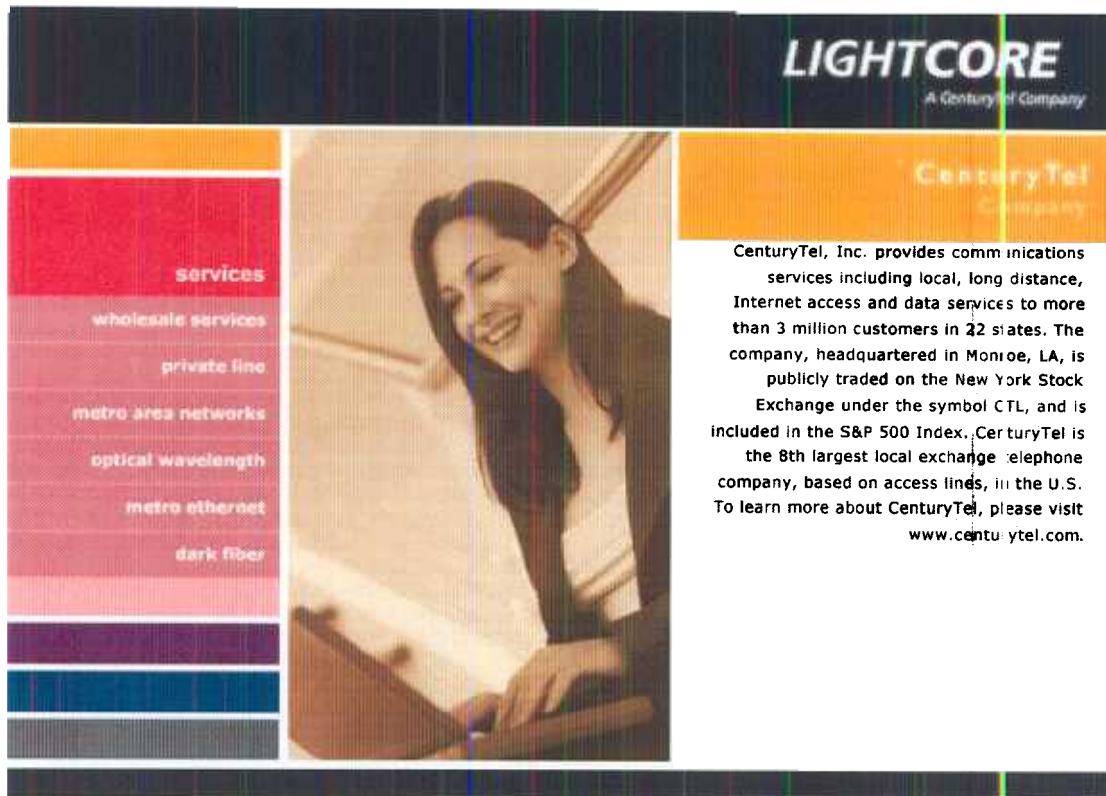
A screenshot of the LightCore website. The header features the "LIGHTCORE" logo in white on a dark blue background, with the tagline "A CenturyTel Company" below it. The main content area is divided into three sections. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with orange and yellow background blocks containing the links: "company", "about us", "our mission", and "centurytel". The center section contains a photograph of a smiling woman with long dark hair, wearing a white top, sitting at a desk and working on a laptop. On the right is an "About Us" section with an orange header. It contains two paragraphs of text describing the company's services and history. At the bottom of the page is a black horizontal bar with white text that reads: "This site uses Flash. Please click here to download the latest plug in."



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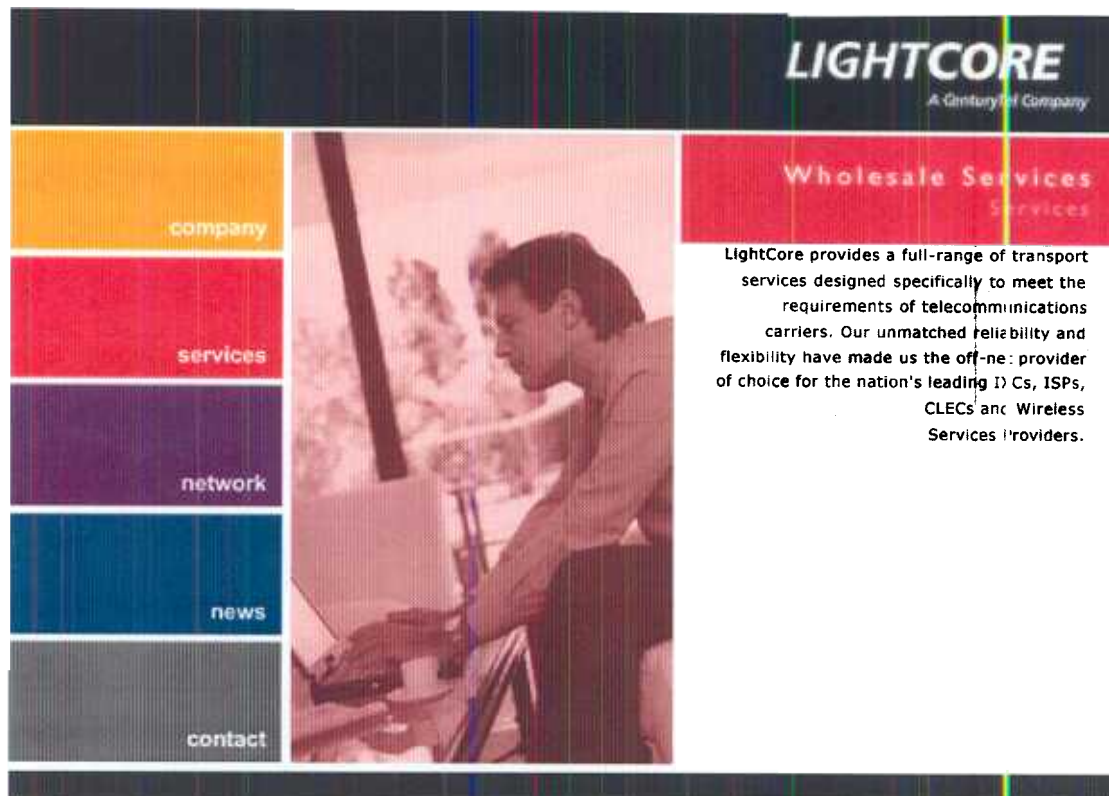
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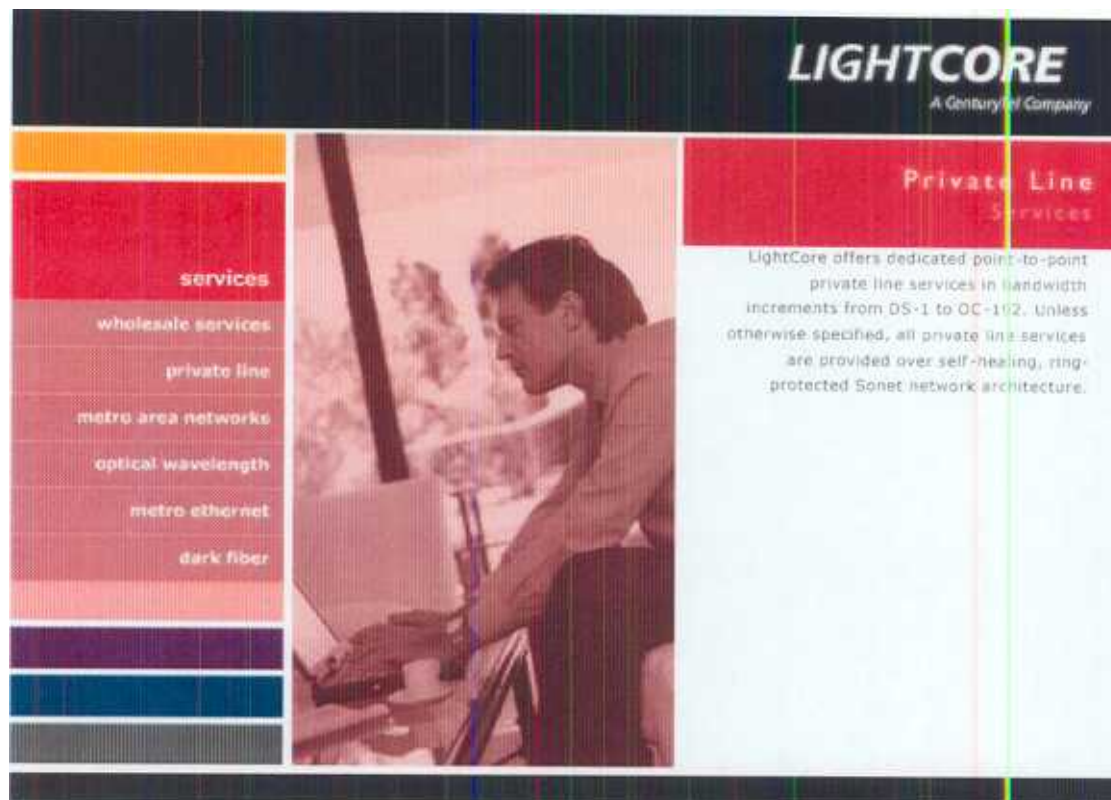
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CenturyTel, Inc. provides communications services including local, long distance, Internet access and data services to more than 3 million customers in 22 states. The company, headquartered in Monroe, LA, is publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol CTL, and is included in the S&P 500 Index. CenturyTel is the 8th largest local exchange telephone company, based on access lines, in the U.S. To learn more about CenturyTel, please visit www.centurytel.com.

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A banner for LightCore's Private Line Services. The top right features the "LIGHTCORE" logo with the tagline "A Century of Company". Below this, a central image shows a man in a suit working on a laptop. To the left of the image is a vertical menu of services: "services", "wholesale services", "private line", "metro area networks", "optical wavelength", "metro ethernet", and "dark fiber". To the right of the image, under the heading "Private Line Services", is a paragraph of text describing the services.

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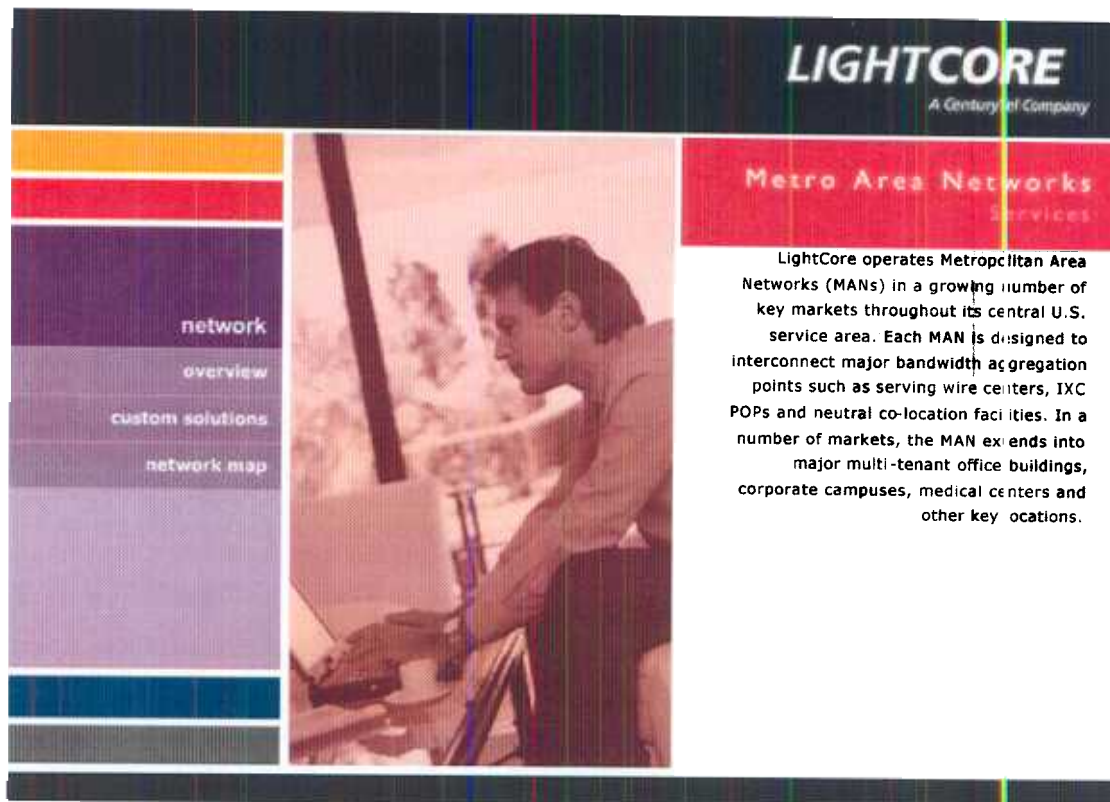
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Private Line Services

LightCore offers dedicated point-to-point private line services in bandwidth increments from DS-1 to OC-192. Unless otherwise specified, all private line services are provided over self-healing, ring-protected Sonet network architecture.

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The image shows a screenshot of a web page for LightCore's Metro Area Networks (MANs) services. The page has a dark blue header with the 'LIGHTCORE' logo and the tagline 'A Century of Company'. Below the header, there is a navigation menu on the left with links: 'network', 'overview', 'custom solutions', and 'network map'. The main content area features a photograph of a man working on a computer. To the right of the photo, there is a red box with the text 'Metro Area Networks Services'. Below this, a paragraph describes the services: 'LightCore operates Metropolitan Area Networks (MANs) in a growing number of key markets throughout its central U.S. service area. Each MAN is designed to interconnect major bandwidth aggregation points such as serving wire centers, IXC POPs and neutral co-location facilities. In a number of markets, the MAN extends into major multi-tenant office buildings, corporate campuses, medical centers and other key locations.'

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West Port Plaza Provides Access to Fiber Ring for Ultra-fast Internet Access

ST. LOUIS - (Aug. 19, 2002) - West Port Plaza, one of St. Louis' premier business addresses, has become one of its most technologically advanced as well by providing its commercial tenants access to a fiber optic network for their voice, data communications, and high-speed Internet services. Most other office buildings in the area still rely on traditional copper telephone lines for their communications needs.

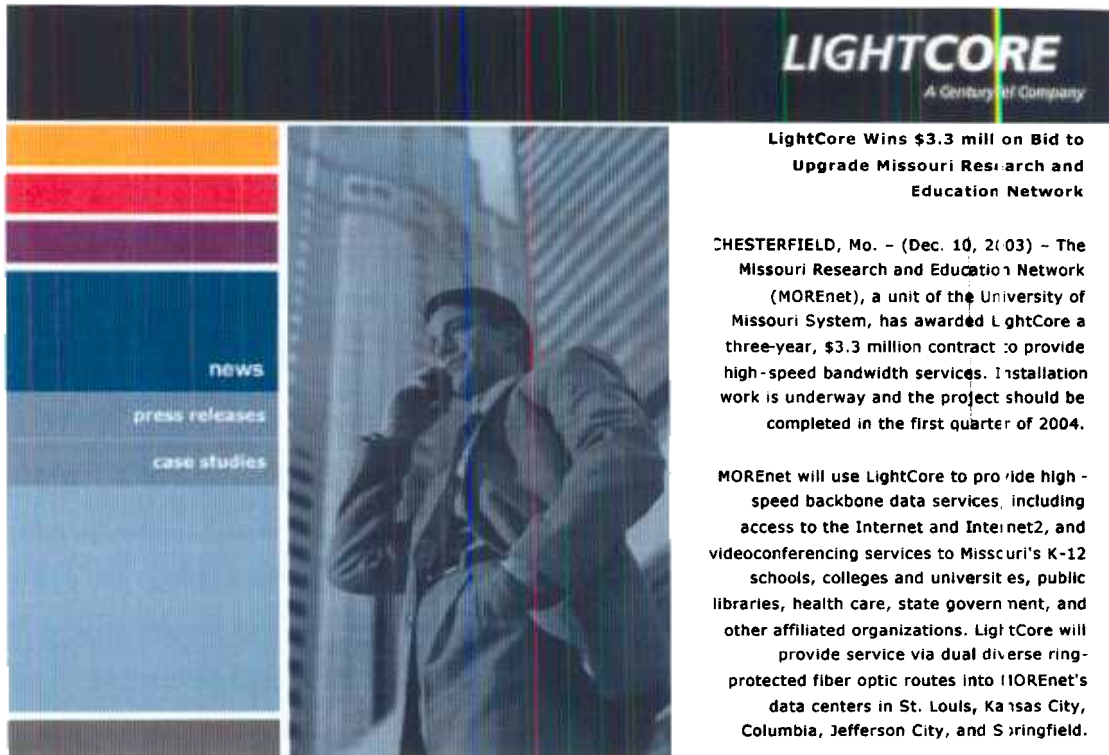
West Port Plaza connected four office buildings and the retail mall to a fiber optic network operated by St. Louis-based Digital Teleport Inc., which owns one of the region's largest fiber optic networks. Tenants in the complex can now take advantage of a variety of fiber optic based services such as ultra high-speed Internet access and data transport.

"Broadband access is quickly becoming as vital as electricity to businesses today—they can't operate without it," said Julie Reynolds, property manager for Colliers Turley Martin Tucker, which manages West Port Plaza for owner Archon Properties. "An increasing number of our tenants need faster and more cost-effective data access to remain competitive in their industries. We are lowering the hurdle bar for many of them.

"By providing our tenants access to fiber optic based services, we give them a way of getting computer connection speeds many times faster than traditional T-1 lines for about the same cost," Reynolds said. "Staying abreast of leading-edge technology allows us to attract and retain tenants."

Primary Network, the largest locally owned and operated Internet Service provider in business since 1994 has teamed with Digital Teleport to provide Internet Access and a variety of managed IP services over this next generation fiber optic network. Already several of the largest tenants in West Port Plaza have begun using the new fiber connections and Primary Network for their voice and data communications. Among them are Hamilton and Sullivan Ltd. and Alcan Composites USA Inc. For more information about the advanced services now available at West Port Plaza, tenants should call 314-692-3500 or visit www.primary.net.

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LightCore Wins \$3.3 mill on Bid to Upgrade Missouri Research and Education Network

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. – (Dec. 10, 2003) – The Missouri Research and Education Network (MOREnet), a unit of the University of Missouri System, has awarded LightCore a three-year, \$3.3 million contract to provide high-speed bandwidth services. Installation work is underway and the project should be completed in the first quarter of 2004.

MOREnet will use LightCore to provide high-speed backbone data services, including access to the Internet and Internet2, and videoconferencing services to Missouri's K-12 schools, colleges and universities, public libraries, health care, state government, and other affiliated organizations. LightCore will provide service via dual diverse ring-protected fiber optic routes into MOREnet's data centers in St. Louis, Kansas City, Columbia, Jefferson City, and Springfield.

"When we looked at LightCore's network reach it almost appeared as though portions of it were built precisely for this project. LightCore has an 'On-Net' presence in all the sectors that we needed to get to," said Bill Mitchell, executive director of MOREnet. "In addition to submitting a compelling bid, it was also clear that LightCore was committed to our future."

"A single reliable, carrier-class, high-quality network offers economies of scale, as well as more options than several smaller networks," Mitchell said. "Network sharing allows MOREnet customers access to a broader range of services – giving each organization more than any one could afford alone."

Matt Porterfield, senior vice president of sales and marketing for LightCore said, "MOREnet conducted a diligent search in selecting a partner for this important project. We are proud to have won MOREnet's trust and confidence. We see this as further evidence that LightCore is becoming the Central United States' pre-eminent carrier for critical data traffic."

About MOREnet

MOREnet provides Internet connectivity, access to Internet2, technical support, videoconferencing services and training to Missouri's K-12 schools, colleges and universities, public libraries, health care, state government and other affiliated

organizations. Established in 1997, MOREnet operates as a separate unit within the University of Missouri System, and is based in Columbia, Mo. The MOREnet Network is the foundation infrastructure through which members of the education community interact with each other via data and video services, upon which the business applications of the public sector are built and conducted, and Missouri citizens interact with their state government. MOREnet's Web site is www.more.net. Telephone: 1-573-884-7200.

About LightCore

LightCore provides wholesale bandwidth transport services to telecommunications carriers, wireless service providers and major enterprise customers. The company owns and operates one of the most extensive fiber optic networks in the Central United States, currently totaling more than 7,000 route miles across Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Texas.

The company maintains more than 100 points-of-presence located in both large and small markets, and specializes in connecting smaller markets to major market telecommunications hubs. LightCore is headquartered in Chesterfield, Mo., and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Monroe, Louisiana-based CenturyTel, Inc., (NYSE: CTL). The company's Web site is www.lightcore.net. Telephone: 1-314-480-1000.

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