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**LEXENT METRO CONNECT TO EXPAND ITS NEW YORK METRO
LOW LATENCY DARK FIBER NETWORK TO KEY DATACENTER
FACILITIES IN NEW JERSEY**

New York, New York – June 25, 2009 – Lexent Metro Connect, the leading provider of dark fiber networks in the New York metropolitan area, has begun construction on an ultra low latency metro fiber ring between its New York City carrier hotel points-of-presence and strategic datacenters and colocation facilities housing key Financial Exchanges located in Weehawken, North Bergen, Secaucus, and Newark, New Jersey.

Scheduled for completion in the fourth quarter of this year, this new fiber ring will provide Lexent customers with sub 100 micro-second latency fiber paths on both the primary and secondary routes between New York and New Jersey. In addition to low latency, the shorter fiber routes offer improved reliability, as the probability of physical fiber faults along the path are lower due to reduced exposure to potential third-party damage.

Lexent's direct fiber routes are designed to aid customers faced with the growing challenge of building faster proximity trading systems. Removing the "fiber variable" allows systems architects to focus their efforts on higher layer technologies, such as optimizing core switching and server components, giving them a greater degree of control of systems induced latency.

"As specialists in designing and implementing custom metro fiber solutions for innovative industries, Lexent is uniquely qualified to address our financial industry customer demands for secure, reliable, high volume connectivity between traders and the markets they trade with our purpose built dark fiber solutions" states Ray La Chance, CEO of Lexent Metro Connect.

Lexent has completed the first phase of the expansion that adds two key New Jersey carrier hotels, 165 Halsey in Newark and 300 Boulevard East in Weehawken, to its on-net [building roster](#). Customers are now able to connect between New Jersey and New York City on Lexent [dark fiber](#) through two diverse river crossings.

The company is now accepting pre-orders for its Secaucus and North Bergen builds and is offering "early adopter" rates. For more information about Lexent Metro Connect, please visit www.lexent.net or email info@lexent.net or call 212.981.0700

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About Lexent Metro Connect, LLC

Lexent Metro Connect, LLC provides enterprise customers and service providers in New York City and its surrounding boroughs with state of the art, custom built, dark fiber optic networks. As a leading provider of dark fiber networks in the New York Metropolitan area, Lexent is the only fiber provider that *owns, operates, builds* and *maintains* its own dark fiber network in-house. Lexent provides its customers with the option to leverage an existing dark fiber network as an extension of their own, or to build a new, dedicated, private fiber network in the City. Lexent also provides direct connectivity to carrier-neutral colocation facilities, enabling Freedom of Choice in pursuing wholesale buying of Network Services. Lexent's ever-growing network provides diverse connectivity between regional Carrier Hotels, Central Offices, and Enterprise Buildings. For more information on Lexent Metro Connect, please email info@lexent.net or call 212.981.0700.

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