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## **OFS SELECTED FOR BROADBAND PROPERTIES TOP 100 LIST**

**Norcross, Georgia, September 25, 2009** — OFS has been selected by Broadband Properties Magazine as one of the nation's Top 100 Broadband Companies for 2009 and an upcoming leader in fiber to the home.

“OFS is honored to be recognized as a key player for fiber-to-the-home applications,” said William Kloss, OFS Executive VP of Marketing & Sales, North Americas & CALA. “Our company is committed to providing an innovative portfolio of solutions, such as ultra bend-insensitive EZ-Bend® Optical Cables and FOX™ Solution, to help fiber-connect communities around the world.”

“The Top 100 list is chosen by the Broadband Properties editors, who act independently on the basis of their own research and that of experts in the industry who advise them,” said Scott DeGarmo, President & CEO.

In selecting the Top 100, the editors look for organizations that are advancing the cause of fiber to the premises in one of several ways:

- Deploying fiber networks – either on a large scale, or with innovative business plans and technology configurations.
- Helping others deploy networks by supplying key hardware, software, design services, construction services and so forth.
- Introducing innovative technologies, even if the technologies have not yet been commercially deployed.

“We’re always on the lookout for technologies that change the rules – by reducing early deployment costs, for instance, or making builds significantly cheaper overall,” said Editor

Masha Zager. She added, “For us, the key tiebreaker question, as always, was this: Will this company make a difference in the fiber broadband industry in the coming year?”

Broadband Properties, the magazine for “Building the Fiber-Connected Community,” is the leading source of information about digital and broadband technologies for buildings and communities. Since 2005, it has compiled an annual list of organizations based on innovation and a specific commitment to fiber.

### **About OFS**

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, connectivity, FTTx and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We provide reliable, cost effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today’s and tomorrow’s digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS’ corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

For more information, please visit [www.ofsoptics.com](http://www.ofsoptics.com).

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