

CITY OF ELIZABETH HAS A NEW WAY TO ENHANCE BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS' SERVICES

DARK FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE IS ALLOWING ENTERPRISE CUSTOMERS ACCESS TO ENHANCED SERVICE AND COMPETITIVE RATES

CAPACITY USA 2005 & CUSTOMER BUSINESS EXCHANGE – June 15, 2005 – 4Connections, The City of Elizabeth, New Jersey and Costamar Travel announce today that Elizabeth has a new means to attract large and small corporations alike: communications infrastructure. Companies can now use a dark fiber provider to provide them access to New Jersey's top carrier hotels, like 165 Halsey Street. Inside this one carrier hotel building are a variety of carriers able to deliver new services at competitive rates. With this direct connection availability, companies no longer have to pay for expensive and limited services offered by the traditional incumbent phone company in the area; they can now connect to a variety of newly available services, directly and securely. The days of being tied down to that one giant phone company are gone.

Here is a prime example: Costamar Travel, a 25-year old, family-run travel agency, located in Elizabeth, New Jersey as well as headquartered in Florida, needed an effective way to reduce its telephone bills and to route its calls to its various branch locations. After months of exorbitant phone bills and interrupted phone service from the only large service provider in the Elizabeth area, Costamar's management team needed a way to take control of its own network. After researching its options, Costamar contacted 4Connections, a neutral dark fiber provider with a ring from Elizabeth, NJ to Newark's top carrier hotel located at 165 Halsey Street. By utilizing 4Connections' dedicated dark fiber, Costamar now gained access to this one carrier hotel building, where dozens of service providers are available to bid on business, offer competitive rates, and directly and safely connect to Costamar. Plus Costamar now has the ability to access international service while bypassing lower Manhattan, thereby adding more redundancy and security to its network.

"It just made sense," states Gabriel Concas, Vice President of Costamar Travel. "No one wants to keep overpaying. Without taking control over our network, our bills were determined by one large carrier who had control of our area's market. Now we are receiving 100 Megs from a top service provider for \$2000, an unbelievable rate compared to what we were paying previously.

"We would not have had the opportunity to connect to any other service provider located at Halsey if 4Connections was not able to take our network directly to the carrier hotel," continues Mr. Concas. "4Connections laid fiber from our building to its ring and lit my network quickly and effectively. And the amount I save monthly has already paid for this buildout. And it's about relationship building; 4Connections offers us a high-level of cross-connect service now that we are at Halsey. We also have the opportunity to select any provider available, and we can grow into our own colocation space while there."

"We are excited with Costamar's decision to select 4Connections," states Gil Santaliz, President of 4Connections. "Already they are discussing their potential need for next generation applications, such as a sales agent online for real-time customer service and video conferencing so Elizabeth families can communicate with their loved ones abroad. We are pleased to say that their network infrastructure is ready to grow with their business offerings. We are also honored to be part of the growth of the city's infrastructure, and to encourage more business in Elizabeth."

"There's a new way of doing business in Jersey," states Mayor Christian Bollwage. "We applaud the efforts of telecom companies like 4Connections who are giving our city's businesses new opportunity, options, and the ability to move forward with technology and enhanced customer service. Costamar Travel illustrates how businesses can flourish when they tap into the necessary fiber infrastructure for tomorrow's next generation services. We are pleased to say our

city's enhanced communications is one more reason why companies looking for another branch or headquarters location outside of New York City can and should select New Jersey's Elizabeth."

About Costamar Travel:

Costamar Travel, a 25-year-old, family owned company catering to the Spanish-speaking community, offers the best rates to all the Americas, Caribbean and Europe. Costamar has access to exclusively negotiated rates with airlines, hotels and other suppliers to give its customers a world of alternatives when traveling. Excellent service and experience has made Costamar Travel the largest tour consolidator on the east coast. For more info, or to book your next travel plans, please visit www.costamar.com.

About 4Connections, LLC:

4Connections, LLC is a broadband technology enabler of advanced voice, data and video applications that provides first and last mile fiber capabilities utilizing unique and diverse right of ways. Launched in 2001, the 4Connections team has constructed hundreds of miles of fiber cable in New Jersey and thousands of fiber miles throughout the United States. 4Connections maintains a carrier neutral position and does not compete as a service provider. The company's mission is to enable the deployment of broadband technologies by providing the fiber infrastructure for voice, data and video applications to travel at the speed of light. For more info, please visit www.4connections.net or contact:

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