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FOUNDATION TELECOMMUNICATION ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT WITH PANAMSAT TO DELIVER SATELLITE COVERAGE WORLDWIDE

Rogers, AR -- Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. (FTI) announced today that it will use satellite capacity provided by PanAmSat Corporation to extend FTI's satellite coverage worldwide. Under the agreement, FTI will be able to access PanAmSat's global network of four international communications satellites. International capacity is of utmost importance to existing clients of FTI who wish to expand their satellite communications to their international divisions, partners and alliances. FTI will be able to offer both Multi-Channel Per Carrier (MCPC) and Single Channel Per Carrier (SCPC) signals. These signals are available in C-band and Ku-band frequencies.

George Livergood, President of Foundation Telecommunications said, "We are extremely pleased to form this relationship with PanAmSat so that our customers will be able to transmit to virtually anyplace in the world. International communications; video, audio, and data applications are in high demand and as a leader in network design and implementation, our access to PanAmSat's network is a key element to our ability to provide complete turnkey solutions. Customers utilizing FTI's U.S. capacity will be able to elect instantaneous relay to PanAmSat's network for worldwide coverage at a moment's notice. This relay will distinguish FTI from other network providers. Our improved service capabilities through this agreement will ultimately deliver the widest array of telecommunication services benefiting even the most demanding customer."

PanAmSat is the world's first private-sector company to provide global satellite services. It offers satellite-based video and data communications services to hundreds of customers worldwide using a four-satellite global system: PAS-1 and PAS-3 over the Atlantic Ocean Region; PAS-2 and PAS-4 over the Indian Ocean. PanAmSat plans to launch four additional satellites by mid-1998, enabling it to operate multiple satellites in each ocean region worldwide.

Foundation Telecommunications, Inc. is a rapidly growing telecommunications service provider specializing in state-of-the-art network design, tailored to the specific needs of each client. FTI offers the architectural design of the network, digital satellite equipment, space segment capacity, and network control support for its clients. Because of FTI's purchasing agreements with its vendors such as PanAmSat and Wegener Communications, FTI can provide networks to customers that are the most cost efficient in the industry. FTI's expertise in Distance Learning, Business Television, Broadcasting and Cable industries provides its customers confidence that they are purchasing the solution that best fits their current and future needs. FTI can be reached at 1-800-833-3353 for more information on network solutions.