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Access/On Names Steve Ledford as Chief Executive Officer

Dobson, NC –The Board of Directors for Access/On announced today that Steve Ledford has been named Chief Executive Officer, following the retirement of Jimmy Blevins who held the position since 2018.

A Holly Springs resident, Ledford has more than twenty years of experience leading large software development teams for global technology companies focused on wired and wireless networking. Ledford has worked for a number of technology companies including IBM, LVL7 Systems, and Broadcom. Ledford obtained his bachelor's degree in computer engineering from North Carolina State University and holds a master's degree in business administration from Wake Forest University.

"The Board and I are pleased to bring Mr. Ledford onboard to lead Access/On," said Kim Shepherd, President of the Access/On Board of Directors and CEO of Skyline/Skybest Membership Corporation. "His experience and knowledge of the industry as well as his track record in helping grow technology companies make him an excellent choice to help us take Access/On to another level."

Access/On is a wholesale provider of advanced fiber-based communication services that provides fiber to small cities and towns in rural North Carolina. Access/On is led by a Board of Directors that consists of telecommunication leaders from across the state. Current Board Members include Board President, Kim Shepherd of Skyline/Skybest Membership Corporation, Keith Holden, ATMC, Kim Garner, Randolph Communications, Jeff Nethercutt, Star Communications, Richie Parker, Surry Communications and Mitzie Brannon, Yadtel Telecom.

"I appreciate the work that Mr. Blevins has done in his time as CEO to successfully help Access/On build relationships with telecoms across the state," commented Ledford. "I am excited to work with our Board of

Directors and continue the efforts to increase the reach of Access/On into new markets throughout North Carolina and beyond.”

About Access/On

Access/On Interexchange Services, Inc., a subsidiary of Access/On Multimedia, Inc., was formed in 1994 to provide advanced communication services to the smaller cities and towns in rural North Carolina. Originally, thirteen local exchange carriers joined forces to build a 1200-mile fiber network. Today, through consolidation and acquisition, Access/On is owned by 6 local exchange carriers.

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