



## **National 'Head Start' Selects Global Crossing for Dedicated Internet**

**Global Crossing Donates \$50-\$60,000 Worth of Refurbished Computer Equipment to Help Head Start Launch Internet Initiative**

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**Rochester, NY** - Global Crossing Ltd. (NASDAQ: GBLX), which is building and operating the world's most advanced global IP-based fiber-optic network, today announced that the Virginia-based National Head Start Association (NHSA) has selected Global Crossing to offer dedicated Internet, local and long distance telephone services. Under the agreement Global Crossing will offer data communication services to interconnect the more than 2,000 NHSA centers nationwide.

"This service will put Head Start programs on the cutting edge in technological services," said National Head Start Association chief executive officer Sarah M. Greene. "Never before has a company of such stature offered services that will impact literally thousands of poor children and their families in this country. It could mean great savings of precious federal resources."

Under the agreement, Global Crossing is donating approximately 1,000 refurbished computers that will be set up in Head Start classrooms across the country. Those computers will provide access to Global Crossing's PriorityConnect<sup>SM</sup> dedicated Internet service which offers unsurpassed network speed, scalability and reliability through the company's 20,000 miles of fiber-optic cable that connects more than 120 major U.S. cities. This North American Crossing includes a Cisco-powered Internet Protocol (IP) network operating at OC-48 (2.5 Gbps) and will facilitate increased connectivity and data-transfer capabilities between the hundreds of Head Start centers across the country.

"Global Crossing is thrilled to help Head Start further its goals to educate and introduce young children to technology," said Donna Reeves, president of business services for Global Crossing North America. "This service agreement and substantial donation of refurbished computer equipment ensures that Head Start will be technically prepared to help children bridge the digital divide into the new millennium."

### **ABOUT NATIONAL HEAD START ASSOCIATION**

The National Head Start Association (NHSA) is a private not-for profit membership organization representing the 822,300 children, 155,300 staff and 2,051 Head Start programs in America. It is governed by a 49-member Board of Directors composed of a director, staff, parent and friend from each of the twelve federal regions and the immediate past president. NHSA provides a national forum for the continued enhancement of Head Start services for poor children ages zero to five, and their families. It is the only national organization dedicated exclusively to the concerns of the Head Start community.

### **ABOUT GLOBALCROSSING**

Global Crossing (NASDAQ: GBLX) owns and operates a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network in the United States and is developing and operating the world's first truly global IP-based fiber-optic network with 88,100 announced route miles, connecting five continents, 24 countries and 170 cities. The Global Crossing Network and its product offerings will be available to over 80 percent of the world's international communications traffic. Through its subsidiary Global Marine, Global Crossing also owns the largest fleet of cable laying and maintenance vessels in the world and currently services more than a third of the world's undersea cable miles. Global Crossing is included in both the S&P 500 and the NASDAQ 100. Global Crossing's operations are headquartered in Hamilton, Bermuda, with executive offices in Los Angeles, California,

Morristown, New Jersey, and Rochester, New York. For more information, visit [www.globalcrossing.com](http://www.globalcrossing.com).

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