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## Julie Darrington joins Vantage Point Solutions as Vice President of Consulting

Darrington brings 25 years of industry experience to successful and growing company.

MITCHELL, SD (April 3, 2018) – Vantage Point Solutions is pleased to announce Julie Darrington has joined the Vantage Point team as Vice President of Consulting. Darrington, previously a Vice President at CenturyLink, brings over 25 years of experience to Vantage Point. She began her duties April 1.

The role was previously held by Rep. Dusty Johnson, who was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November 2018.

"Julie brings an incredible depth of experience to Vantage Point, and we're certain our Consulting clients and team members will benefit from her leadership," said Vantage Point CEO Larry Thompson. "Our industry is facing unprecedented opportunities and challenges, and her strategic, engaging leadership will really benefit our clients. Her extensive background in managing field operations and her understanding of the operational realities faced by broadband providers have set her apart in the industry for years. We're very pleased to welcome her to our team."

As Vice President, Darrington takes the helm of a successful and growing Consulting department which recently led clients to securing over \$165 million in the Connect America Fund Auction 903 ("CAF II Auction"). In addition to securing funding for rural broadband, Vantage Point's consulting group is particularly known for its strategic, financial, regulatory, and operational guidance for broadband providers.



Darrington has worked in telecommunications for over 25 years, with experience ranging from small business services, sales and marketing, and field operations to ensuring service reliability and delivery to business, residential, government, and wholesale customers. Her experience was particularly focused on states across the Great Plains, where she developed a strong appreciation for the unique considerations facing rural communities and providers.

"Joining the Vantage Point team is a spectacular opportunity," Darrington said. "Vantage Point's commitment to improving lives through broadband access, and doing so while putting clients and employees first, resonates with my personal values. In particular, I'm looking forward to working directly with companies who provide this critical communications service across the country."

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**ABOUT JULIE DARRINGTON** – Julie Darrington comes to Vantage Point with over 25 years of telecommunications experience, ranging from small business services, sales and marketing, and field operations to regional market management. Much of her experience was in managing operations across Great Plains states, including Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Iowa, Montana, and Wyoming – where she developed an appreciation of the unique circumstances facing rural providers. She is renowned as a strategic, determined leader whose pragmatic and focused approach excels in the everchanging broadband and telecommunications industry.

A committed community volunteer, Julie has served on boards and councils for Chambers of Commerce, Service Organizations, and Arts and Leadership Programs throughout her career.

Julie and her husband, Paul, have two young adult children. They reside in Mitchell, SD where Vantage Point is headquartered.

**ABOUT VANTAGE POINT SOLUTIONS** – Vantage Point Solutions is a national provider of engineering and consulting services for the broadband/telecommunications and financial industries. Vantage Point



combines professional engineering, technical expertise and extensive regulatory knowledge to design technically advanced and economically viable solutions customized for each client. Progressive thinking has made Vantage Point well-known and respected in the industry. With over 300 employees and hundreds of clients across the country and international, VPS has the vast experience necessary to understand the best solution for any company.

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