



## **MICROSOFT AZURE EXPRESSROUTE LIVE IN COLOGIX'S TORONTO DATA CENTRE, TARGETING MONTREAL IN Q3, 2016**

*Canadian Enterprise customers can now locally access Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute through Cologix to leverage the power, cost savings and flexibility of the cloud*

**TORONTO AND MONTREAL – June 2, 2016** – [Cologix](#), one of Canada's largest network neutral [interconnection](#) and [data centre](#) providers, announced today that Cologix Customers have direct and private access to the Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute ecosystem in both of its Toronto data centres, and will soon be expanded to include all seven of Cologix's data centres across Montreal. These primary ExpressRoute onramps represent one of two in Toronto and will be the first in Montreal.

As an ExpressRoute partner, Cologix will offer customers the ability to connect directly to [Microsoft ExpressRoute](#) from Cologix's nine data centers in Montreal and Toronto, initially supporting secure connections to Azure. ExpressRoute provides key benefits to enterprises looking to build hybrid cloud environments, including:

- Private connections that bypass the public Internet
- Lower latency by traversing the shortest path to The Microsoft Cloud
- Predictability and optimized speed when leveraging ExpressRoute
- Scalable, densely connected and customizable colocation opportunities

"Our recent investments in bringing local cloud regions to Canada demonstrate Microsoft's ongoing commitment to supporting the growth of innovation for Canada's technology future," said Janet Kennedy, president of Microsoft Canada. "Cologix has a strong connectivity presence in Toronto and Montreal that provides customers and partners access to the Microsoft Cloud via ExpressRoute."

Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute provides a private connection between a customer's IT deployment and Microsoft Azure. ExpressRoute connections bypass the public Internet offering more reliability, faster speeds and lower latencies than typical Internet connections. The predictable, reliable and high-throughput connections offered by ExpressRoute enable Customers to build hybrid cloud applications without conceding security or performance.

"Our collaboration with Microsoft to enable ExpressRoute in Toronto and Montreal brings a new and enhanced option for enterprises who wish to access Azure services supporting data residency inside Canada," said Cologix chief operating officer Graham Williams. "We applaud Microsoft's ongoing investment into Canada. As Canada's largest neutral colocation and interconnection provider, we are excited to introduce the benefits of ExpressRoute to the largest community of potential Canadian users."

ExpressRoute availability adds valuable depth to the Cologix Cloud Connect ecosystem, which provides end users tools to optimize and future-proof their IT strategies through access to more private onramps to public clouds, more certified network partners to reach public clouds and more cloud services providers than competitors across Canada. Customers interested in accessing Microsoft Azure ExpressRoute services can contact [Expressroute@cologix.com](mailto:Expressroute@cologix.com) for more details.

### **About Cologix Inc.**

Cologix provides reliable, secure, scalable data centre and interconnection solutions from 24 prime interconnection locations across 9 strategic North American edge markets. Over 1,600 leading network, managed services, cloud, media, content, financial services and enterprise customers trust Cologix to support their business critical infrastructure and connect them to customers, vendors and partners. Our dedicated, experienced local teams and scalable solutions enable us to provide industry-leading customer service and the ability to successfully support customers at the Internet's new edge. For a tour of one of our data centres in Columbus, Dallas, Jacksonville, Lakeland, Minneapolis, Montreal, New Jersey, Toronto or Vancouver visit [www.cologix.com](http://www.cologix.com) or email [sales@cologix.com](mailto:sales@cologix.com). Follow Cologix on [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#).

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