

## PRESS RELEASE

### OSMOSE UTILITIES SERVICES ACQUIRES BBCOM, INC

TYRONE, Ga. – Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. today announced the acquisition of telecommunications engineering firm, BBCom, Inc. ([www.bbcom.us](http://www.bbcom.us)). Since 2004, BBCom has aided large investor-owned telecommunications providers in the design and implementation of custom fiber networks. BBCom provides both inside plant (ISP) and outside plant (OSP) services including engineering design, construction management, project management, drafting, professional staffing, records auditing, data migration, and equipment design and installation.

This acquisition combines one of the most experienced telecommunications engineering firms in the fiber industry with Osmose's expertise in lowering the costs, managing the risks, and improving the performance of transmission and distribution (T&D) systems. Ron Childress, Senior Vice President of Business Development for Osmose said "The addition of BBCom's expertise in designing and deploying fiber networks to investor-owned telecommunications providers will broaden our customer base and provide a platform for the combined companies to offer enhanced services."

Andy Blackwell, co-founder of BBCom, will continue to oversee day-to-day operations of the company which will operate as a wholly owned subsidiary of Osmose Utilities Services, Inc. "Our companies share similar values; we both believe in building long-term customer relationships by performing quality work and providing solutions that enable our customers to operate in a more reliable and cost-effective manner" said Blackwell.

#### **About Osmose**

Osmose provides professional inspection, maintenance, and rehabilitation services for aging T&D infrastructure. Osmose also provides engineering services and data solutions - from GIS related surveys for network connectivity and joint use, to pole loading analysis for make-ready design and regulatory compliance. With more than 75 years of diverse experience as a foundation, Osmose proudly serves America's utilities as they build tomorrow's intelligent utility.

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