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## China's Cable Operators will benefit from Aurora Networks' expertise in fiber optics and network design

**CHICAGO, IL - June 14, 2011** - Aurora Networks, Inc., announces today that it has signed a memorandum of understanding for technical cooperation with Radio, Film and Television Design and Research Institute (DRFT). The agreement will allow both parties to mutually benefit from each other's expertise and resources, further enabling the DRFT to design cutting edge, next generation cable infrastructures to be deployed in the region.

Under the agreement, Aurora Networks and DRFT will develop a joint laboratory where the company will provide technical training on its unique fiber optic transmission systems through a classroom-like setting and hands-on lab sessions. During these sessions, DRFT engineers will gain knowledge and exposure to Aurora Networks' technologies such as Fiber Deep, VHub™, LcWDM®, DWDM, RFoG, and GEAPON.

Also under the agreement, Aurora Networks will provide counsel on future network design projects that the DRFT has identified. Based on the information DRFT provides, the company will generate network design recommendations to use as a prototype for DRFT's cable operators to follow.

As part of an ongoing cross-cultural education between Aurora Networks and DRFT, the two parties will participate in exchange visits that will provide both parties the opportunity to further understand the operational aspects of cable operators in each other's regions.

### What Aurora Networks says

"The feedback we receive from DRFT will benefit Aurora Networks greatly as we will gain valuable insights to best serve the needs of cable operators in China," said Ed Feghali, vice president of sales, Asia, Aurora Networks. "We are deeply committed to supporting the cable operators of China and helping them find the best path to serve their needs."

### What DRFT says

"Aurora Networks is respected as a leading provider of cutting-edge optical fiber technologies," said Mr. Xu Jiaqi, president of DRFT. "Their knowledge and expertise in this area will help to increase our local cable operators understanding of both the operational and network deployment techniques that utilize fiber optics to accommodate next generation services. The "win-win" cooperation between

Aurora Networks and DRFT will produce significant benefits in China's next-generation network development."

DRFT, an organization under China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT), is an authority on network design and is used as a resource by local cable operators for its expertise on China's recent Three Network Convergence design, which integrates telecom, broadcasting and Internet on a single network.

### **About Aurora Networks**

Aurora Networks is evolving cable by focusing on innovative solutions that build future-proof networks to accommodate the cable subscriber services of today and tomorrow. Aurora Networks is the only pure-play optical transport solution provider that is focused solely on cable operators. Using its proven understanding of cable networks, Aurora Networks delivers unique solutions - such as its Fiber Deep architecture and digital return technology - to address specific issues of the cable industry. A technology leader driven by innovation and industry-firsts, Aurora Networks enables leading cable operators across the globe to compete with a cost-effective, optimized launch pad for next-generation cable services. To learn more about Aurora Networks' core cable solutions, please call 408-235-7000 or visit [www.aurora.com](http://www.aurora.com).

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