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OFS ANNOUNCES EZ-BEND® 3.0 RUGGEDIZED FIBER OPTIC DROP CABLE SOLUTION

Industry first enables faster installation, in less space, with lower visibility

2013 FTTH Community Toolkit Conference, Kansas City, Kansas, May 29, 2013 - The EZ-Bend® 3.0 Ruggedized Assembly is the first 3 mm optical drop solution designed to withstand stapling while exhibiting negligible bend loss to help save time and money on installation. The innovative design can conquer sharp corners without the need for bend management or special staples and is ideal for MDU and in-home wiring applications where space is at a premium.

Compared to traditional 4.8 mm ruggedized solutions, the EZ-Bend 3.0 Ruggedized Assembly requires 60% less volume for routing and slack management to ease the use of labor saving plug and play assemblies. It can reduce part numbers and inventory by 50% by replacing both 4.8 mm ruggedized and conventional 3 mm drop assemblies with a single solution.

The EZ-Bend 3.0 Ruggedized solution enables both optical and mechanical reliability with additional strength elements and the superior tight bending performance of OFS EZ-Bend ultra-bend insensitive fiber. It is available in black and white, and each color is both riser rated and rated for Indoor/Outdoor use. The solution is available with factory tuned termination on one or both ends with SC-APC connectors.

The [EZ-Bend 3.0 Ruggedized drop solution](#) is part of the OFS FOX Solution® Offering for Fiber to the X.

The [FOX Solution Offering for FTTX](#) is a comprehensive solution that helps service providers to achieve maximum return on investment for Fiber-To-The-Subscriber (FTTX) deployment in a broad range of environments, including those previously hard to reach. The Solution offers fast, cost-effective network deployment while reducing initial investment costs

and creating additional revenue-generating opportunities. The FOX Solution combines lowest cost-per-bit fibers with efficient cabling and compact connectivity products to create a complete end-to-end system for homes, businesses, and multiple dwelling units (MDUs).

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