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## **OFS SHOWCASES UNIQUE CONNECTIVITY PRODUCTS AT OFC/NFOEC 2006**

**Anaheim, CA, Booth 1513, March 7, 2006** – OFS, designer, manufacturer, and supplier of leading edge fiber optic products, today announced that it will showcase some of its most innovative connectivity products at its OFC/NFOEC 2006 booth. These exceptional offerings are a part of one of the most complete and reliable connectivity portfolios in the fiber optic industry.

“We are excited to always bring our customers innovative and groundbreaking products that help them save on installation and maintenance costs,” said Bill Kloss, President of the North American FTTx, Cable & Connectivity Divisions at OFS. “Our products reinforce our commitment to meeting their most demanding current and future needs.”

Following are some of the products highlighted at this year's booth 1513:

### **Blue Tiger™ High Performance Jumpers**

With the Blue Tiger jumpers, OFS offers a solution to help reduce optical losses in high speed systems caused by traditional jumpers. Something as simple as a technician bumping or pulling on a jumper can result in bit-error losses. Major cause of network downtime is jumper failure due to excessive bending and stresses - resulting in revenue loss. Blue Tiger jumpers are bend insensitive making them less susceptible to losses resulting from excessive bending and handling. Having a blue colored jumper may identify high-speed lines, but it does nothing to prevent intermittent losses that can result from every-day handling. Blue Tiger jumpers can withstand bend radiuses as tight as 10 mm, and can help solve your performance and reliability problems. A live demonstration at the booth will compare the Blue Tiger jumper's performance with other jumpers'.

### **2U Shelf Unit**

The 2U shelf unit is an efficient management solution to terminate and splice fibers by enabling quicker network rearrangements and easier fiber resources tracking. Its innovative

design and configuration also help save on maintenance and replacement costs. The 2U shelf unit houses up to 48 ST, 48 SC or 96 LC terminations, and features a versatile design that can accommodate 48 mechanical splicers, 96 single fusion splicers, or 36 ribbon (mass fusion) splices using option splice organizers. Other features of the 2U shelf unit -- such as a clear plastic shelf cover for protection for the fibers, straightforward front-mounted jumper management, and multiple preassembled configurations - allow users manage cable resources efficiently.

### **ORBITAL™ 288 Fiber Management System**

The ORBITAL 288 cabinet is an innovative FTTX fiber management system that features a groundbreaking radial fiber configuration. This radial patching provides benefits that many others don't: it helps prevent jumpers from tangling, enables faster rerouting, and helps reduce jumper inventory. Designed to serve up to 288 homes, the ORBITAL cabinet features OFS' splitter module that incorporates leading OFS and FITEL® PLC devices while being fitted with low loss, high performance LC and MPO connectors. Its radial configuration routes all fibers from a central hub located on the main panel, and creates a "one-fiber-length-fits-all" solution, promoting additional modularity while reducing cabinet size and visual impact. Visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate the ORBITAL 288 cabinet at the booth in a live FTTx Triple Play demo.

### **About OFS**

OFS is a world-leading designer, manufacturer and provider of optical fiber, optical fiber cable, connectivity, FTTx and specialty photonics solutions. Our marketing, sales, manufacturing and research teams provide forward-looking, innovative products and solutions in areas including Telecommunications, Medicine, Industrial Automation, Sensing, Government, Aerospace and Defense applications. We provide reliable, cost effective optical solutions to enable our customers to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's digital and energy consumers and businesses.

OFS' corporate lineage dates back to 1876 and includes technology powerhouses such as AT&T and Lucent Technologies. Today, OFS is owned by Furukawa Electric, a multi-billion dollar global leader in optical communications.

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