

## Digital Realty Trust's Los Angeles Internet Gateway Selected by Kidz Online to Support Global Educational Services

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MENLO PARK, Calif., March 8 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (NYSE: DLR), an owner and manager of technology-related properties, today announced that Kidz Online ([www.kidzonline.org](http://www.kidzonline.org)) has selected 600 W. 7th Street in downtown Los Angeles, Digital Realty's southern California Internet Gateway Facility, to provide the digital infrastructure for Kidz Online's peer-to-peer technology training and Internet-based services for the educational community.

Kidz Online is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to preparing students and teachers to live and work with the new technologies that pervade their lives. This is accomplished through innovative online educational experiences distributed using advanced digital technologies. The Kidz Online Web site offers nearly 1,000 free learning resources and draws approximately 13 million hits from more than 340,000 visitors per month.

"Kidz Online chose the Digital Realty facility because it offers the superior infrastructure, carrier interconnects and technical support for the high-bandwidth technologies we use to deliver our educational content," said Phil Cruver, President of Kidz Online. "With Digital Realty as our partner, we will have the digital infrastructure we need to support important new educational campaigns and our continued growth."

"Kidz Online has been widely recognized for the positive impact that its educational services make on young people around the world, and Digital Realty Trust is proud to be supporting its efforts by serving as Kidz Online's partner," said Michael F. Foust, CEO and Director of Digital Realty Trust.

The installation in the Digital Realty facility will support Kidz Online's global educational services as well as important programs such as:

- \* Expanded programming on Kidz Online's five free online channels of engaging technology skills and webcasting operations. For more info: <http://www.kidzonline.org/TechTraining>
- \* A joint initiative by Kidz Online and the NASA Center for Distance Learning to train workers for careers in the geospatial industry. Kidz Online and NASA were awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to support this initiative. The grant, which will help educate teachers and students about careers in the geospatial industry, is part of the President's High Growth Job Training Initiative to address workforce challenges facing expanding industries. For more info: <http://www.kidzonline.org/whatsnew/geo21dol.asp>
- \* A partnership with the U.S. Department of Labor's Job Corps to integrate the Kidz Online programming into the career preparation training at 118 Job Corps Centers across the United States, reaching 70,000 students annually. For more info: <http://www.kidzonline.org/jobcorps>
- \* A new series on financial literacy, entitled Mastering Money, which will provide the basics of financial knowledge every young adult should have before attending college or entering the workforce. For more info: <http://www.masteringmoney.org>
- \* A global initiative to combat exploitative child labor in developing countries, supported by funds from agencies and organizations such as the U.S. Department of Labor and the Bureau of International Labor Affairs. The initiative is developing digital educational content that provide at-risk children with skills and information that can assist them in avoiding or escaping exploitative labor situations.
- \* A cross-cultural educational initiative to offer technology skills training programs to youth in Middle Eastern countries, as well as cultural exchanges that break down barriers between students in countries across the globe. For more info:

<http://www.kidzonline.org/whatsnew/amideast.asp> [

- \* An interactive Internet/television channel that will provide Middle Eastern girls and young women with information, education and training that helps them fulfill their potential. The initiative is supported in part by funds from the U.S. Department of State, as part of the agency's cultural exchange efforts. For more info:  
[www.kidzonline.org/mepi](http://www.kidzonline.org/mepi) [

600 W. 7th Street is Digital Realty's southern California Internet Gateway Facility, boasting superior infrastructure, connectivity and location. Situated in the heart of the Telecom District in Downtown Los Angeles, the facility offers superior infrastructure, including roof-top space, two full redundant risers available for conduit to the grounding facilities in the basement, and interconnection with other tenants. It is a fully secure facility with three effective levels of perimeter control. The Internet Gateway's Meet Me Room has space available to cross-connect with carriers in the building without cross connection fees, including carriers such as MCI, T-Systems, SBC, Qwest, OnFiber Communications, FiberNet, mPower and XO Communications . With 68,000 square feet on each of the seven floors, 600 W. 7th Street provides unmatched network redundancy, making it the ideal location to build telecom carriers' network or implement colocation applications.

For more information about Kidz Online, please visit [www.kidzonline.org](http://www.kidzonline.org). And for more information about Digital Realty Trust, visit [www.digitalrealtytrust.com](http://www.digitalrealtytrust.com).

About Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. , traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol "DLR," owns, acquires, repositions and manages technology- related real estate. The Company's 24 properties contain applications and operations critical to the day-to-day operations of technology industry tenants and corporate enterprise datacenter tenants. Comprising approximately 5.7 million net rentable square feet, Digital Realty's property portfolio is located throughout the United States, with one property located in London, England.

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