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## The Utilities Technology Council and the Radio Club of America Announce New Partnership

(May 19, 2021) The Utilities Technology Council (UTC) and the Radio Club of America (RCA) announce a new partnership designed to further the goals of both organizations. Wireless technology, among others, is a vital component of the Information and Communications Technology (ICT) networks that ensure that utility services are reliable and secure.

"Utility communications systems underpin the reliable, resilient delivery of essential electric, water, and natural gas utility services," said UTC President and CEO Sheryl Osiene-Riggs. "A key ingredient to many of these systems is wireless technology, which permits utility engineers and operators to have situational awareness across their infrastructure footprints. As technologies change, utilities are investing in developing the workforce of the future; and as a result, we are excited about partnering with RCA, the world's oldest society of wireless professionals. RCA's strategic initiatives in investing in youth and women, wireless education, and assisting those in wireless careers, align with our strategic goals. We look forward to working with RCA on these and other initiatives."

RCA President John Facella said "The UTC is an excellent partner because their members, like RCA's members, are very technology focused. UTC represents industries that are dependent on wireless technologies, including electricity, gas, water, natural gas pipelines, and other critical infrastructures. Their UTC Foundation encourages young people to study engineering, as does RCA's Youth and Scholarship Programs. Their vision of serving as a resource for deploying mission critical technology solutions is similar to that of RCA's Education programs. Additionally, UTC is already vitally engaged

in wireless because of their role as a certified frequency coordinator for the utility industry, and their maintenance of the power line carrier database for the industry. RCA welcomes UTC as a new partner."

About UTC:

Founded in 1948, the Utilities Technology Council (UTC) is a global association focused on the intersection of telecommunications and utility infrastructure. UTC gives voice to the men and women in the utility workforce who create and maintain critical communications systems that help keep the lights and the water flowing. We represent the hands-on folks in the field and control rooms responding to storms, deploying new technologies, and securing energy and water infrastructure from all kinds of threats. UTC sits at the nexus between the energy and telecommunications industries, which are rapidly converging and becoming more interdependent. For more information, visit <u>www.utc.org</u>.

## About RCA:

Founded in 1909, the Radio Club of America is the oldest, most prestigious group of wireless communications professionals in the world. Members are dedicated to the wireless art and science for the betterment of society. The Radio Club of America is a 501(c)(3) organization. For more information, visit www.radioclubofamerica.org.