



CNET Names Viasat 'Best Satellite Provider' of 2021 for U.S. Rural Internet Service

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CARLSBAD, Calif., April 13, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- [Viasat Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VSAT), a global communications company, today announced it has been named the 'Best Satellite Provider' among U.S. [rural internet service providers](#) (ISPs) by leading global consumer-technology media brand, CNET. Viasat's U.S. residential internet service was recognized for offering service plans with more data, and higher speeds in select areas, as well as offering more affordable Wi-Fi equipment rental costs, when compared to competing satellite-based residential internet services. CNET also found Viasat to be one of the more affordable wireless internet providers overall.

As part of its evaluation of rural ISPs, CNET's editorial review team compared several key internet factors including broadband availability, pricing, data volume and customer satisfaction. CNET ultimately named seven companies to its 2021 list of recommended U.S. rural ISPs.

"We thank CNET for their recognition of Viasat as the 'Best Satellite Provider' on their 2021 list of U.S. rural ISPs," said Steven Mesnick, Viasat's vice president, Sales and Marketing, Residential and Business Internet Services. "The COVID-19 pandemic has shown the world the importance of home internet connectivity as a means to stay connected to work, school, information, friends and family. We are committed to closing the digital divide in the U.S. by offering consumers more reliable and affordable high-speed internet options and we are working hard to bring better broadband connectivity to more unserved and underserved areas nationwide. The delivery of our next-generation satellite constellation, ViaSat-3, should enable us to have eight times more bandwidth than we have in orbit today—which in turn will allow us to deliver more data and higher speeds to more communities across the U.S."

Today, Viasat offers internet service plans with up to 100 Megabits per second (Mbps) download speeds in select areas and gives subscribers the ability to enjoy more data and entertainment at home. The Company's next-generation satellite constellation, ViaSat-3, is expected to be capable of delivering even greater bandwidth capabilities that will result in more speed, data and streaming than the current home satellite service.

About Viasat

Viasat is a global communications company that believes everyone and everything in the world can be connected. For more than 30 years, Viasat has helped shape how consumers, businesses, governments and militaries around the world communicate. Today, the Company is developing the ultimate global communications network to power high-quality, secure, affordable, fast connections to impact people's lives anywhere they are—on the ground, in the air or at sea. To learn more about Viasat, visit: www.viasat.com, go to [Viasat's Corporate Blog](#), or follow the Company on social media at: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) or [YouTube](#).

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to the safe harbors created under the Securities Act of 1933 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Forward-looking statements include statements that refer to the expected coverage, bandwidth, data and speeds of the ViaSat-3 satellite constellation. Readers are cautioned that actual results could differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ include: risks associated with the construction, launch and operation of Viasat's satellites, including the effect of any anomaly, operational failure or degradation in satellite performance; the ability to successfully implement Viasat's business plan for broadband satellite services on Viasat's anticipated timeline or at all; contractual problems; product defects; manufacturing issues or delays; regulatory issues; technologies not being developed according to anticipated schedules, or that do not perform according to expectations; Viasat's ability to realize the anticipated benefits of its satellite platforms; and increased competition and other factors affecting the connectivity sector, generally. In addition, please refer to the risk factors contained in Viasat's SEC filings available at www.sec.gov, including Viasat's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. Viasat undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements for any reason.

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