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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EIU RECEIVES FIBER OPTIC CABLE

CHARLESTON, IL--Illinois Consolidated Telephone Co. has provided more than 600 meters of fiber optic cable for use in physics courses at Eastern Illinois University.

"The cable, or light pipe will be used in Eastern's physics laboratories to study basic science, optics and even communications," said Steve Daniels, assistant professor of physics at Eastern.

Fiber optic cable consists of hair-thin strands of glass. The cable, which is gradually replacing copper telephone cable throughout the U.S., is used in the telecommunications industry to transmit telephone conversations and data communications, using laser light pulses.

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Daniels said the donation "will allow the University to upgrade its curriculum and at the same time will give students the opportunity to see the equipment that our technology-based society is using and prepare them for the challenges encountered on the job."

He added, "The gift is greatly appreciated during these lean budget times. It will benefit Eastern's physics program tremendously."