



Meet Me in L.A.

Editors' note: This is the second in a series looking at the dominant "meet me" facilities in 10 major North American cities. Author Hunter Newby is executive vice president of TELx. He can be reached at hnewby@telx.com.

Los Angeles is the single most important place for major carrier interconnections on the West Coast, much as New York is key on the East Coast. As is the case in most major cities, there are numerous carrier hotels in the Los Angeles area. But one site generally is agreed to stand above the rest.

The One Wilshire building is home to more than 100 carriers and is the key gateway for Pacific Rim service providers. One Wilshire earns the distinction of being one of the best carrier hotels due to its meet me room and overall carrier tenant accessibility. The One Wilshire meet me room also is one of the longest operating sites in the entire industry.

The management of the building and interconnect facility have been taken over by CRG West, an operating arm of the Carlyle Group. Expect to be hearing more about the Carlyle Group, as the firms believes there is a short-term opportunity to buy healthy assets at distressed prices. William Kennard, chairman of the Federal Communications Commission under Bill Clinton, is a member of Carlyle's global telecommunications and media group.

One Wilshire Carrier Hotel

Building size	656,300 square feet
Union building	No
Building generator	Multiple
Generator rooms for tenants	Available
Roof access	Yes
Tenant conduit rights	Yes
Is there a building meet me room?	Yes
Is this MMR the featured site?	Yes

Interconnection Guidelines

Can customers order cross connects to any other meet area customer?	Yes
Is the average turnaround time for cross connects 48 hours or less?	Yes
Is on-site technical support available 24/7/365?	Yes
Can customers access the site 24/7/365?	Yes
Can the technicians test and turn up circuits?	Yes
Does the meet area operator perform the cross connect?	Yes
Can the customer perform the cross connect?	Yes
Are all cross connects tagged and inventoried?	Yes
Is there a shared fiber panel (MDF, CFDP)?	Yes
Can the customer bring and install its own fiber distribution panels?	Yes
Is there a shared COAX or copper panel?	Yes
Can the customer bring and install its own COAX or copper panel?	Yes
Are there monthly recurring charges to cross connect in the meet area?	No

For carriers not in the meet area, the interconnect options include: in-building, intra-city local loops and in-building, intra-city dark fiber, shared conduit and inner duct. Customers can hire labor for conduit construction directly.

The costs and availability are determined based upon the order. The operator facilitates interconnections and access but is not a carrier or agent. All loops, fiber and certain shared routes must be contracted directly by the customer.

Attributes of the Interconnect Facility

Facility size	17,000 square feet
Suite	4th floor
AC power feed	3 x 3,750 kva, 1 x 5,000 kva
Generator	4 x 2,000kw
Control system	Yes
UPS	Multiple systems
DC plant	Multiple systems
HVAC	Multiple redundant circuits
Fire suppression	Dry pipe pre-action sprinklers

One Wilshire Carriers Interconnected

Access International	Globe Telecom	Pacific Netwave
Advantel	GRIC Communications	Pacific Telecom
AEA Plus Telecom	GrooveTel	PAIX
Arbinet	HHSI, Inc.	PLDT
Aries Network	Hurricane Electric	Primus Telecom
Arirang Telecom	I2Line	Qwest Communications
Asean Telecom	iBasis	Sirius
Asia Access	iCall	Sprint
AT&T Broadband	ICG Communications	SwitchNet
AT&T Local Services	IDT	TCAST Communications
Atcall International	Infolink Communications	TCI Networks
Atlas Communications	Innocom Telecom	Teleglobe U.S.A.
Bancroft Telecom	Innosys Communications	Telehouse International
Broadwing Communications	Innovative Technologies	Telepacific Communications
Cable & Wireless	Intermedia	Telis Communications Group
Call Net	Interpacket Group, Inc.	Telseon
China Motion	Japan Telecom	Telstra
China Netcom	KDDI America	Terabeam
China Telecom	KeySpan Communications	Time Warner Telecom
Cignal Global Communications	Korea Telecom	Total Access
ClearData Communications	LD Exchange	Total Call International
CNM Networks	Leading Edge Broadband Services	TouchAmerica
Cogent	Level 3 Communications	Transaction Network Services
Colocation Gateways	Lighttrade	TransGlobal Telecom
Concert Global Networks	Linkline Communications	Tremcom International
Control Network Systems	Linkmax Communications	TS Group
CTC Communications	Looking Glass Networks	Tyco Telecom
CTI	MCI	U.S. Colo
DACOM	Media One	UFO
Dancris	Media.net	Ultimate Communications
DTI Services, Inc.	Meritech Integration	Unipoint
DWP (Fiber Services)	MFN	Universal Access
Dynalink	Miracle Communications	USC
Dynegy Connect	My Telecom	Verizon
Eagle Bell (Re-Boot)	Network IP	Vertex
Edison Carrier Solutions	New Century/Sparq	Vianet
Electric Lightwave	New Network	Viva Telecom
Elephant Talk	New Wave Communications	Williams Communications
Encore	NewEdge Networks	Winsonic Holdings
Excel Switch	Nextel	WinStar
Expresstel	Novacom	WorldCom (MAE-LA)
Fibernet Equal Access	NTT/Verio	Worldtel Interactive
Flag Telecom	OnFiber	XA Alliance
GE American Communications	Onsenet	XM Satellite Radio
General Telecom/Verestar	On-Site Information Services	XO Communications
Genuity	Pac-West Telecomm	YAPI
Global Crossing	PacAmTel	Zone Telecom
Global West Network	PacBell	