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# **Live Ventures' Central Steel Fabricators Emerges as a Strategic Participant in the AI Data Center and Connectivity Infrastructure Cycle**

LAS VEGAS and BROADVIEW, Ill., Jan. 27, 2026 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Central Steel Fabricators, a portfolio company of Live Ventures Incorporated (NASDAQ: LIVE), today highlighted its expanding role as a critical infrastructure provider to the rapidly accelerating artificial intelligence (AI), automation, and data-center ecosystem.

With a manufacturing heritage spanning major technological transitions, Central Steel Fabricators has provided essential infrastructure for the advent of digital telecommunications, the internet, and modern mobile telecom networks.

Central Steel Fabricators manufactures precision-fabricated steel systems used in data centers and the connectivity that links them to the world, including cable management systems, structural frames, and custom components. The company continues to scale automation and robotic welding to increase throughput and support rising demand.

Robotic welding initiatives have materially increased daily production capacity, positioning Central Steel Fabricators to respond rapidly to large-scale AI infrastructure programs and fiber deployments.

According to Live Ventures management, Central Steel Fabricators' automation, capacity expansion, and exposure to AI-driven infrastructure investment position the company to benefit from long-term secular growth trends.

Thomas R. Sedlak, head of Live Ventures' steel companies and CEO of Central Steel Fabricators, affirmed the potential of AI-driven business for the company's future. He said, "I believe the opportunities for companies like ours that focus on the unmet needs of data center contractors are limitless."

## **About Central Steel Fabricators**

Central Steel Fabricators is a U.S.-based manufacturer of precision-fabricated steel systems serving the telecommunications, data-center, and infrastructure markets. The company provides the majority of Engineer, Furnish, and Install contractors throughout the country who manage projects for major communications providers. The company provides product to all the major distributors, with some stocking product while others drop ship material from Central Steel Fabricators' warehouse. AI-driven data center build-outs have become major users of the company's comprehensive product line.

## **About Live Ventures**

Live Ventures Incorporated (Nasdaq: LIVE) is a diversified holding company focused on acquiring and operating domestic middle-market companies with strong cash flows and durable market positions. Its portfolio companies incorporate AI, robotics, data-based analytics, and other advanced systems to transform conventional operations into more efficient, competitive enterprises for the revolutionary AI era.

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