

Datum Deploys Its Open Network Cloud at DataBank to Connect Distributed AI Infrastructure

New PoPs in Ashburn, Dallas, and Salt Lake City put Datum's neutral, programmable network layer in three of North America's key AI interconnection markets

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[DataBank](#), a leading provider of enterprise-class edge colocation, interconnection, and managed services, announced today that [Datum](#), the open network cloud for AI, has added network points of presence (PoPs) inside DataBank facilities in Ashburn, Dallas, and Salt Lake City. The deployment brings Datum's open source network cloud to key interconnection-dense markets where AI companies, hyperscalers, and enterprises increasingly need to connect.



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The partnership builds on a relationship between the two companies' leadership that spans nearly 20 years. "I first worked with Zac in 2009, when I joined as CEO of Voxel, the Linux computing startup he was an early leader at," said Raul Martynek, CEO of DataBank. "In today's complex infrastructure environment, relationships that are built over many years and cycles can make all the difference. We're excited to host Datum's network inside some of our most strategic facilities during this critical build out of AI ecosystems."

Datum's open network cloud helps neoclouds, inference providers, data platforms, and enterprises securely

connect distributed workloads and move intelligence to the edge. With features including an

Envoy-based global edge, a microVM compute runtime, and an SRv6-powered Galactic VPC, Datum's platform brings the value of physical interconnection and private networks to a new class of builders through a modern, developer and agent-friendly experience.

With these three new PoPs, Datum's customers can now better connect across clouds and providers while applying consistent routing, policy, and observability from a single control plane — capabilities that have traditionally required large networking teams and direct relationships across the internet ecosystem.

The markets were chosen for their value to the AI ecosystem: Ashburn as the largest interconnection hub in North America, Dallas as a growing central-U.S. exchange point, and Salt Lake City for its proximity to US-West neocloud and public cloud regions.

"Interconnection has traditionally taken place at the physical network layers, but developers and now AI agents are pushing increasing amounts of activity to the application layer," said Kevin Ooley, President & CFO of DataBank and incoming CEO effective January 1, 2027. "This evolution changes how and where digital platforms interact, which is why we're excited to have companies like Datum in our ecosystem."

"The new ways clouds, enterprises, workloads, and end users interact force us to rethink how the internet works for AI," said Zac Smith, CEO of Datum. "Our US deployment with DataBank is an important anchor, helping us unlock hyperscale-style connectivity and control for the next wave of clouds and builders."

About Datum

Datum is an open network cloud built for the AI era. The company provides AI companies and digital leaders with a connected infrastructure platform that is available in both public and dedicated cloud models, all backed by AGPLv3 open source. Founded in late 2024 by industry veterans, Datum's mission is to help the next 1,000 clouds thrive in the AI era. Visit <https://www.datum.net>.

About DataBank

DataBank helps the world's largest enterprises, technology, and content providers keep their data and applications always on, always secure, always compliant, and ready to scale for the AI era. Recognized by Deloitte in 2023 and 2024 and by Inc. 5000 in 2024 as one of the fastest-growing private U.S. companies, DataBank operates 70+ HPC-ready data centers across 25+ markets, 20 interconnection hubs, and on-ramps to a broad ecosystem of cloud providers. Follow DataBank on LinkedIn or subscribe to its YouTube channel.

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