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## Housing plan goes online

Daybreak development will have fiber-optic network to all homes, businesses

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SOUTH JORDAN - The 4,200 acre Daybreak development rolled out another amenity Friday - and this one caught the attention of Utah's governor.

"This is, in a rapidly growing community . . . exactly what we need," Gov. John Huntsman Jr. said.

"This" is a future community of nearly 14,000 homes and more than 9 million square feet of office space that will be wired with fiber optic lines. Every home - excluding the 700 units already built in Village 1 - will be wired with high-speed Internet service.

"We are providing a suite of services that we have never provided anywhere in Utah before," said Jerry Fenn, president of Qwest's Utah division.

Or anywhere else, for that matter. Qwest hasn't done a project in its multi-state region of the magnitude of Daybreak.

Wiring Utah is nothing new. Fourteen cities, from Brigham City to Cedar City, formed the Utah Telecommunications Open Infrastructure Agency in hopes of wiring every home and business - some 140,000 locations - with a similar fiber optic network.

The difference at Daybreak is that fiber optic wiring is being installed as homes and businesses are built. That means, the day homeowners move in, they can plug into the Internet - with no modems necessary.

Daybreak is a development by Kennecott Land that includes a mixture of residential, commercial and office space. It stretches between 10200 South and 11800 South on South Jordan's western edge.

Internet isn't the only service Qwest plans to send over the fiber optic lines. Digital television, local and long-distance telephone service and digital video recorders all can utilize the lines.

"We call it a grand slam" of services, said James Vogel, Qwest's vice president of sales.

Daybreak residents automatically will get Internet access as part of their homeowner fees. They also will have the option to pay more to increase the speed of the service.

For the governor, wiring a community with fiber optics means South Jordan will be more competitive in efforts to bring high-paying jobs to Utah. "It is making the west bench a truly competitive place in which to live, work and do business," Huntsman said.

Kennecott Land officials said they don't know what type of business will come, but believe the new network will be a draw.

"It's a commitment to economic development," said Kennecott Land President Peter McMahon.

Officials also said the attraction isn't isolated to office buildings, either. The network's speed means residents can telecommute from home offices.

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