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**GVTC fiber expansion project includes partnership with city of Boerne**

SMITHSON VALLEY, (January 16, 2015) — GVTC is approaching the halfway point of a project that will bring fiber network connections to more than 4,960 rooftops throughout areas of the GVTC GigaRegion®. In 2014, GVTC completed work that delivered fiber to 1,078 rooftops in six subdivisions. In 2015, GVTC will begin work to expand its fiber network to an additional 2,298 rooftops throughout nine subdivisions. This phase of the project is focused on areas around Boerne, Bulverde and Canyon Lake.

In addition, GVTC and the city of Boerne have announced a partnership to expand GVTC's fiber network throughout the city limits to an added 1,590 homes. GVTC's fiber network currently covers about two-thirds of Boerne and includes more than 2,900 homes and 500 businesses.

In the agreement, Boerne will allow GVTC to use its utility poles to expand fiber connections to the remaining homes. Boerne and GVTC will also each pay \$77,500 to third party contractors for a utility pole load analysis and pole change out. The Boerne fiber network build-out is expected to cost GVTC \$1.8 million dollars.

"The partnership between GVTC and the city of Boerne was reinforced with the commitment, to provide equal access to fiber Internet service to all homes in Boerne city limits," Boerne Mayor Mike Schultz, said. "This will be a game changer for Boerne's future in many ways, and for many years to come."

The Boerne fiber expansion is expected to be complete within 24 months. Boerne customers will have the option to remain with their current service or take advantage of GVTC's fiber network service.

“This enhancement to our GVTC GigaRegion® increases the region’s profile to promote our area as a premier destination to live and do business,” GVTC President & CEO Ritchie Sorrells, said. “Boerne will soon be in a unique group of forward-thinking municipalities such as Kansas City, Lafayette, Louisiana and Chattanooga, Tennessee that understand the importance of fiber technology to enhance quality of life and pursue unique economic development opportunities.”

GVTC’s fiber network Internet delivers speeds up to 1 Gbps, or 1,000 megabits, which is among the fastest in the nation. Another feature of fiber technology is ultra-high bandwidth that enables the capacity to maximize the performance of multiple Internet devices in a customer’s home or business.

“I look forward to having Boerne become a complete fiber city,” Boerne City Manager Ron Bowman, said. “High speed internet access has become much more of a necessity than a luxury and having fiber to 100 percent of the homes here will make Boerne unique, as only a handful of cities have this capability throughout the United States.”

The cities of Bulverde and Gonzales are also partner communities in the GVTC GigaRegion®.

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#### About GVTC:

GVTC is a full-service communications provider offering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers. GVTC is the first to deliver 1 Gbps Internet speeds to more than 40,000 customers in areas of far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. In June 2014, the company formed the GVTC GigaRegion® with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. Through this unique partnership, GVTC and the GigaRegion® cities will proactively market gigabit availability, along with the attributes of each city, to generate economic development for the area.

GVTC has received numerous awards for business excellence. Among the honors is being selected a *Broadband Communities Magazine*, Top 100 Broadband Provider, seven consecutive years. The company was also selected as the winner of the 2014 Broadband Vision Awards as a service provider. The *San Antonio Express-News* and *San Antonio Business Journal* have also recognized GVTC as an exemplary employer, on multiple occasions. The company’s charitable arm, The GVTC Foundation, has donated more than \$1.5 million dollars to worthy causes, since its establishment in 2006. Learn more at [GVTC.com](http://GVTC.com)