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Extension announced for GVTC GigaRegion®

SMITHSON VALLEY, January 25, 2016 — Parties with the GVTC GigaRegion® announce they are continuing their partnership set to expire in June 2016. The extension will continue indefinitely.

The GVTC GigaRegion®, established in June 2014, is a unique public/private partnership among the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. The purpose is to leverage GVTC's fiber network and gigabit internet connections to drive economic development throughout the region.

The extension announcement came during a work shop at GVTC to review the comprehensive marketing campaign in place to brand and drive awareness on the benefits of the GigaRegion®.

At the work shop, officials with the GigaRegion® partner cities, along with GVTC executives, developed strategies to turn the marketing campaign into jobs.

Each partner city offers a variety of unique economic incentives, along with GVTC's fiber network, to compete with San Antonio and Austin to attract businesses to the Hill Country and Gonzales.

Target companies include enterprise businesses, small to medium businesses with an office location, and home businesses. GigaRegion® economic development leaders will primarily focus on medical, financial, cyber-security, information technology and education industries.

One option discussed for attracting more home-based business operators is to establish shared office locations, also known as, 'incubators.' Here, home-based operators could have access to GVTC's gigabit speeds and collaborate/network with other work from home business owners.

Other advantages cited for doing business in the GVTC GigaRegion® include affordable utility costs, available business park/office space, excellent schools and high quality of life.

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 to customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. GVTC was first to the San Antonio market with fiber-to-the-home services, 1 Gbps internet speeds and symmetrical broadband speeds. GVTC also offers an extensive selection of business communication services available throughout its service area, New Braunfels and San Antonio.

GVTC is a Top 100 Fiber to the Home Company by Broadband Communities Magazine, for eight consecutive years, received the 2014 Broadband Vision Award for Service Provider by the Broadband Multimedia Marketing Association and selected a 2015 Top Operator by CableFAX The Magazine. GVTC has also received numerous Top Workplaces and Best Places to Work awards. The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is approaching two million dollars in donations to charitable organizations, since its establishment in 2006. Learn more at GVTC.com

In June 2014, the GVTC GigaRegion® was formed with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. Through this unique public-private partnership, GVTC and the GigaRegion® cities jointly market the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.