

complete this buildout by year-end. FiOS TV will be available to Aimco residents only in those areas where Verizon has obtained video franchises. An Aimco representative says FiOS broadband services will help differentiate the communities and offer amenities to residents who are interested in online gaming, online videos and other new services.

In New York City, Verizon has signed an agreement with the Trump Organization to bring FiOS services to the buildings it manages. It is now preparing to offer FiOS in three luxury buildings housing more than 500 condominium apartments: the Trump Parc (the former Barbizon Plaza Hotel), Trump Park East and 610 Park Avenue (the former Mayfair Hotel). Two other Trump buildings were wired for FiOS earlier in the year, even before Verizon was awarded the video franchise in New York City. Trump Organization chairman and president Donald Trump says the delivery of FiOS services to his buildings continues “the high standard of excellence I demand,” while chief operating officer Matthew Calamari says he believes FiOS technology “will sup-

port future applications our residents will adopt.” Trump and Verizon are exploring other Trump properties that can be served by Verizon FiOS.

WEB COMPUTING SERVICES FOR FIOS CUSTOMERS

Business FiOS subscribers can now use WebOffice, a collaborative Web-based tool enabling small and midsized businesses to work with peers, clients and vendors in a secure virtual intranet environment. Users can meet online in real time to integrate their work, develop ideas, set goals, and manage projects and business operations. As a hosted service, WebOffice does not require any hardware or software investment by the customer; there is also no need for in-house IT to support the service.

Verizon says WebOffice eliminates workspace borders by offering anytime access wherever the user needs to work – either in the office using Verizon’s DSL or FiOS Internet service; at home; or on the road using Verizon Wireless BroadbandAccess. Users can coordinate schedules and calendars, share documents (with secure access control),

build and use databases, host Web meetings, manage expense reports, make announcements and more, from their desktop or notebook computers. WebOffice’s interactive Web conferencing capability can reduce or eliminate the need for costly business travel.

Pricing for WebOffice begins at \$56.99 per month for up to five users and \$94.99 per month for six to 10 users. The price is discounted when WebOffice is bundled with other offerings.

In a signal that it is not adopting IPTV any time soon, Verizon renewed its agreement with BigBand Networks to deliver the video services infrastructure for FiOS TV. BigBand, whose platforms channel RF video signals onto Verizon’s network, has supported FiOS TV since its launch in 2005, and continues to collaborate with Verizon on new solutions. Verizon recently deployed its 1,500th BigBand Broadband Multimedia-service Router in the FiOS network. BigBand Networks’ platforms are based on open standards, and interoperate with many products from other vendors in Verizon’s network. **BBP**

FIBER OPTIC AMENITY PROVIDERS

Two New Developments Are Fiber-Wired

Yes, greenfield developments are still being built, and their owners still recognize the value of fiber optic amenities to tenants and buyers. Last month **Connexion Technologies**, the largest of the fiber optic amenity providers, made two major announcements:

- The Flats at Kernan, a luxury student housing development adjacent to the University of North Florida in Jacksonville, is partnering with Connexion to bring fiber-based entertainment and communications services to residents. “This fiber-optic network will deliver an incredible package of high-speed Internet and television services not yet seen by most in the market,” says developer Will Morgan, president of JDR Commu-

nities. “The beauty of the network is that it will not only meet the current technological needs of our residents, but also their future needs....As our students’ technology demands increase, we know that we’re ready to keep up with the pace at The Flats of Kernan. From online coursework and file sharing to online multiplayer gaming, thanks to fiber’s unlimited bandwidth, we can always deliver what our students want and need.”

In addition to fiber to the unit, the community also features a clubroom with widescreen TV, game room, Internet café, business center, group study room, and WiFi throughout, which, the developer notes, “supports academic achievement.”

- Connexion will also build a FTTH network to deliver triple-play services throughout Belvedere Neighborhood, a multiuse development in Charlottesville, Virginia. Drew Holzwarth, COO of Stonehaus, developer of Belvedere Neighborhood, says the network will contribute to the neighborhood’s “sustainable values” by allowing residents to work from home. “From physicians who have the need to download an x-ray in an instant, to a computer programmer working from home, to a stay-at-home parent who wants to enjoy the Internet at the highest speeds, the luxury of fiber to the home will be enjoyed by all,” says Holzwarth. **BBP**