

New Washington Apartment Buildings Offer FiOS

Resurgence and revitalization have come to Washington, DC – to the Capitol Riverfront area, once home to vacant lots and auto repair shops and now a booming neighborhood full of new apartment buildings, offices, stores and restaurants. And where there is growth and revitalization, there's bound to be fiber to the home. Residents at two new apartment buildings in Capitol Riverfront now have access to Verizon's FiOS Internet, and a third building currently under construction will have FiOS service later this spring. The three buildings, owned by multifamily real estate investment company JPI, contain a total of 931 apartments.

The two JPI buildings that now have access to FiOS Internet are the Jef-

erson at Capitol Yards and the Axiom at Capitol Yards. Verizon is currently installing fiber-optic cable in the third building, 909 Capitol Yards. Michael Stevens, executive director of the Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District, says, "JPI's partnership with Verizon illustrates the visionary ideals of the neighborhood that make it such an excellent location for living, business activities, recreation and entertainment."

In addition, Verizon is deploying FiOS services in JPI's new and existing developments in Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Texas and California. JPI's buildings in Washington – as well other residences throughout the District – will also ultimately have access to FiOS TV as the company rolls out the

service over the next few years under a recently approved franchise agreement.

In another recent announcement, Verizon said recently that FiOS TV for Business is now available for as little as \$12.99 per month, with a one-year agreement. In an effort to provide greater value for small-business customers on a budget, Verizon offers a TV package that includes local network affiliate broadcasters, PBS, and public education and government (PEG) programming. Both local affiliate and PBS stations are broadcast in standard and high definition. The new package is available in the 14 states where FiOS TV for Business is currently offered, and is being used in waiting rooms, bars, restaurants and similar venues. **BBP**

FIBER OPTIC AMENITY PROVIDERS

Two New Projects for Connexion in Alabama

Wyndham and Wyndham Gates communities in Opelika, Alabama, will soon bring their residents advanced entertainment and communications services over a fiber-to-the-home network built by Connexion Technologies, a fiber optic amenity

company. "We're thrilled with the Connexion Technologies partnership," says Lee Danielly of Knight Development, owner of both properties. "Many of our residents are first-time homebuyers, and we're proud to offer them homes with this advanced network. It enables us

to bring truly cutting-edge technology to affordable homes." These properties' networks will support an array of affordable services including ultra-high-speed Internet connections, more than 200 digital channels of entertainment and multifunction telephone service. **BBP**

INTERNATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS

Manchester Launches "Digital City" Initiative

Manchester, known as "England's second city," has embarked on a pilot FTTP project less than a year after completing a feasibility study and setting a goal of reinventing itself as a "digital city." The city's overall digital strategy calls for cre-

ating a municipal open access network that includes both fiber to the premises, advanced wireless services and a new Internet hub exchange. According to a city planning document, "By creating this next-generation connectivity, we aim to link key employment sites across

the Manchester city region to accelerate job growth, enhance the digital skill base and provide new opportunities for home access, flexible working and tele-care services." The pilot project involves connecting up 50 premises with fiber this year, 150 next year and 400 in 2011,