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## **Portland continues trend as most "Unwired" city with the announcement of City Hall as wireless "Wi Fi Hotspot"**

Portland, OR

Continuing to build on its reputation as one of America's most wireless cities, City of Portland leaders will announce on Wednesday that Portland City Hall (1221 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Ave.) will provide free wireless internet access to employees and citizens. "Providing this service to the citizens of Portland will increase participation by making City Hall more user friendly," said Portland Mayor Tom Potter. "It will also offer the power of the internet to those conducting business in the building."

This announcement comes while City officials and community representatives consider proposals to provide wireless internet access service citywide. "The 'Unwire Portland' project will provide Portland's citizens and businesses with a vital service, but will also provide an array of public benefits including some free service," said Commissioner Dan Saltzman, "providing free Wi Fi here at City Hall is just the tip of our wireless iceberg."

The City Hall project was a collaborative project between the City's Bureau of Technology Services and Intel, who donated equipment to the City and named Portland one of its "Digital Communities" as part of Intel's Digital Communities Initiative. The City remains committed to working with partners such as Intel to provide wireless solutions for Portland's citizens, business and employees. "We are very pleased with our partnership with Intel," stated Matt Lampe, Chief Technology Officer for the City, "they have played a vital role in our policy making for mobile technologies and keeping Portland a leader."

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