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## City of Portland Receives 6 Proposals for "Unwire Portland" Project

Portland, OR.

The deadline for proposals to be submitted to the City of Portland for the "Unwire Portland" project was yesterday for a citywide wireless Internet network. The City Bureau of Purchases confirms that six proposals were received from EarthLink Inc., MetroFi Inc., MobilePro Corp., VeriLAN Inc., Winfield Wireless, and US Internet Corp.

"The City has attracted companies that represent an impressive diversity," said Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, "I'm confident the selection committee's recommendation to City Council will provide Portland's citizens and businesses low-cost access wireless network with a number of public benefits." Some of the expected public benefits include free access to certain public websites or free access at lower bandwidths. Details of the proposals will not be made public until a recommended proposal in forwarded to City Council.

The selection committee is slated to make its recommendation for the award by the end of December. City Council is expected to consider the contract to the recommended company some time in mid-to-late February.

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