



## Media Release

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### **Glenwood Springs Chamber Members Want Fiber Optics**

#### *January survey reveals business support of City's fiber plan*

Glenwood Springs, Co..... A January chamber member survey revealed business support of the City's plan to extend fiber optics infrastructure to all Glenwood residences. The chamber issued a survey to understand how chamber members currently use broadband Internet services, as well as their views on the proposed network expansion.

The City of Glenwood Springs will be asking voters in April to approve the expansion of its broadband network by extending fiber-optic connections to homes and businesses city-wide. The project would be paid for by issuing bonds, to be repaid by selling Internet, cable-TV, telephone and other advanced services. If approved, this project is expected to significantly increase the availability of both current and future high-bandwidth telecom, entertainment and Internet services and will complete the City's plan for fiber optics, which was developed in the year 2000.

Of the 127 responding to the survey: 92% use broadband; 80 % are satisfied with service; 92 % feel it is important for their business; 64 % would like greater bandwidth; 74% would support City issuing bonds to extend fiber city-wide; 67 % support City using its fiber network to provide competitive services; 86% would purchase competitive internet from City; 50% would purchase competitive phone service from City; and 45% would purchase competitive cable TV from City.

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*About the Glenwood Springs Chamber:* Located in the heart of the downtown at 1102 Grand Avenue in Glenwood Springs, CO, the Glenwood Springs Chamber is a not-for-profit organization with 650 members. The purpose of the GSCRA is to provide leadership, promote commerce, encourage measured growth and continue to support such endeavors which will enrich the quality of life in our community. For more information, or to become a chamber member, phone 945-6589.

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