## INTEL SURVEY RANKS VALLEJO-FAIRFIELD-NAPA MSA AMONG TOP CITIES FOR WIRELESS INTERNET ACCESSIBILITY

VALLEJO – A survey released by the Intel Communications Group shows the Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa Metropolitan Statistical Area as the 12<sup>th</sup> highest area for wireless Internet access.

The Vallejo area finished ahead of major cities such as Los Angeles-Long Beach (13<sup>th</sup>); Sacramento (15<sup>th</sup>); Chicago (18<sup>th</sup>); and New York-Nassau-Suffolk. NY-Newark, NJ (23<sup>rd</sup>).

The survey was sponsored by Intel and conducted by Bert Sperling, a research analyst well known for compiling Money Magazine's annual "Best Places to Live" feature. Survey findings are based on the number of public and commercial wireless access points (hotspots), cell phone coverage offering wide area network Internet access, and Internet penetration.

"This shows that Vallejo is doing well in this area and has the assets to continue recruiting business," said Economic Development Director Al da Silva. "It also provides us the motivation to do even better in our high-tech readiness efforts."

Wireless technology is a much more affordable high-speed Internet infrastructure because it requires less physical equipment. Instead of wires, it is using the air, which makes it more affordable for a communications provider to provide and faster to develop.

"WiFi (wireless fidelity) is the most revolutionary technology to hit the computing world since the arrival of the Internet browser in the early 1990s," said Sean Maloney, Intel executive vice president and general manager of the Intel Communications Group. "WiFi promises to do for computing what cell phones did for voice communication."

Wireless fidelity uses radio waves instead of cables to connect computers to the Internet.

"Wireless Internet access is an important indicator of the opportunity for economic development because it a key infrastructure element for businesses," said Anatalio Ubalde, Chief Operating Officer, GIS Planning, Inc. "Having high-speed Internet access can make or break a decision to site a business in one location over another. High-speed

wireless telecommunications are allowing communities that have limited high-speed (wired) Internet infrastructure to leapfrog over wired communities by quickly providing the same or better quality high-speed Internet accessibility."

The data for the survey was also calculated at the per-capita level to determine how many people share hotspots within a given city or region. The data was collected from a variety of industry sources and weighted across a 100-point scale. According to the survey, which was released last week, the most unwired city in America is Portland, Ore.

The West leads all other regions with eight metropolitan areas in the top 10. A list of the top 50 Most Unwired Cities follows.

- 1. Portland, OR-Vancouver, WA
- 2. San Francisco-San Jose-Oakland, CA
- 3. Austin-San Marcos, TX
- 4. Seattle-Bellevue-Everett-Tacoma, WA
- 5. Orange County, CA
- 6. Washington, DC
- 7. San Diego, CA
- 8. Denver, CO
- 9. Ventura, CA
- 10. Boston, MA
- 11. Atlanta, GA

## 12. Vallejo-Fairfield-Napa, CA

- 13. Los Angeles-Long Beach, CA
- 14. Houston, TX
- 15. Sacramento, CA
- 16. Dallas-Fort Worth-Arlington, TX
- 17. Middlesex-Somerset-Hunterdon, NJ
- 18. Chicago, IL
- 19. Bergen-Passaic, NJ
- 20. New Haven-Meriden, CT
- 21. Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN
- 22. Albuquerque, NM
- 23. New York-Nassau-Suffolk. NY-Newark, NJ
- 24. Worcester, MA
- 25. Hartford, CT
- 26. Ann Arbor, MI
- 27. Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC
- 28. Orlando, FL
- 29. Colorado Springs, CO
- 30. Riverside-San Bernardino, CA
- 31. Baltimore, MD
- 32. Honolulu, HI

- 33. Philadelphia, PA
- 34. Kansas City, MO-KS
- 35. Wilmington, Del.-Newark, MD
- 36. Phoenix-Mesa, AZ
- 37. San Antonio, TX
- 38. Columbus, OH
- 39. Monmouth-Ocean, NJ
- 40. Salt Lake City-Ogden, UT
- 41. Las Vegas, NV
- 42. Nashville, TN
- 43. Miami-Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 44. Wichita, KS
- 45. Indianapolis, IN
- 46. Charlotte-Gastonia, NC, Rock Hill, SC
- 47. Melbourne-Titusville-Palm Bay, FL
- 48. Detroit, MI
- 49. Jacksonville, FL
- 50. Rochester, NY

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