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AT&T Expands Offerings

What's on the horizon for AT&T? I-70/75 Development Association member and AT&T's director of External Affairs, Toni Perry Gillispie, recently briefed members on news from the communications giant. Here are some highlights:

- Project Lightspeed, a \$4.6 billion network upgrade, was launched in 2004 as a first step toward providing video products to subscribers.
- The company has rolled out two new products: U-verse, which provides subscribers fiber-based video service; and Homezone, a satellite-based video service. The technology allows each customer to draw down exactly the programming they want, when they want it, according to Gillispie. She noted that U-verse will not be available in southwest Ohio until later in 2007.
- AT&T and Bell South are working toward a merger that would result in the "best backbone company in the world," Gillispie said. Employment would total 300,000. The Department of Justice has approved the merger, while the FCC is still reviewing it.

Clayton Sites Ready for Business

The first phase of the infrastructure improvements at the Clayton Commerce Park was recently completed. The project provides utilities and roadway access to the 143-acre commerce park, which offers development sites ranging from five to 100+ acres. The park, purchased by the city of Clayton in 2005, is located just south of Interstate 70 across from the Miami Valley Career Technology Center on Hoke Road in Clayton.

For more information, please call Jim Percival, director of Service and Economic Development at (937) 836- 3500.

Firm Opens Cincinnati Office



Gresham, Smith and Partners, a national engineering and architecture firm, has opened an office in Cincinnati to meet the area's growing demand for transportation planning and engineering services. The Cincinnati office will work in connection with GS&P's Columbus, OH and Louisville, KY offices to provide the Midwest with comprehensive services in

transportation, water and wastewater services, environmental compliance and aviation.

"Our Cincinnati office brings strong transportation resources to the area including intelligent transportation system design and continuous flow intersection design," says Paul Gruner, senior vice president of transportation services. The newest of GS&P's 15 offices is at Suite 100 of the Westlake Center, 4555 Lake Forest Drive. For information, please contact the firm 513-563- 7600 or www.gspnet.com.

Miamisburg Spec Building Available



SouthPointe Business Park's first "spec" building is complete and ready for tenant fit-up. This 33,600 square-foot building, located in Miamisburg, features Alexandersville Road frontage.

SouthPointe Business Park is a 67-acre development located along Alexandersville Road, one-half mile west of Interstate 75 and one-half mile south of State Route 725. Developed by Construction Managers of Ohio, the park offers prime, shovel-ready sites. For more information contact Construction Managers of Ohio at 937-866-1974.

Correction

In the last issue, we featured a story about a prestigious award won by Bruns General Contracting for the design and construction of The Leather Gallery. The building's location was identified as Miamisburg. It is actually located in Springboro, at 3366 South Tech Blvd.

Mound to Host MBA Program

Wright State University's Raj Soin College of Business will launch a unique, new offering starting in January. The South Dayton MBA Program is designed for first-year graduate business students with an interest in business, technology and innovation. The classes, taught by full-time Wright State graduate faculty, will be held on weekends at the Mound Advanced Technology Center.

For more information, please visit the Web site at <http://www.wright.edu/rscob/grad/mba/metro.pdf> or contact Carolyn Rice, Wright State's director of Executive Education, at 937-775-3609.

Familiar Face in a New Place

I-70/75 Development Association treasurer, Mike Lopez, has taken a new position. He is now vice president and relationship manager for the Middle Market Group at Key Bank. He served for three and one-half years in a similar position at Fifth/Third Bank.

Mike will assume the secretary's post for the I-70/75 Development Association in January. His new phone number at Key Bank is 937-586-7701.

About the Association

The I-70/75 Development Association brings together more than 100 businesses and organizations as well as some 250 individuals in southwestern Ohio. With a 16-year history, the association strives to improve the region's development opportunities through professional development, networking and information sharing. The association sponsors monthly programming activities in addition to its annual Economic Development Summit. Information about the association is available at www.i70-75.org or from Christy Herman at 937-339-7639.

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