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### **Centennial Becomes One of 32 Inaugural Partner Cities in National Broadband Initiative**

Next Century Cities is a new initiative of 32 cities nationwide joining together to recognize the importance of leveraging gigabit-level Internet to attract new businesses and create jobs, improve health care and education, and connect residents to new opportunities.

Next Century Cities will support communities and their elected leaders, including mayors and other officials, as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable, and reliable Internet. Participating cities will work with each other to learn about what works - and what doesn't - so that every community has access to information that can help them succeed. The launch event took place in Santa Monica, California on October 20.

Centennial Mayor Pro Tem Ken Lucas will be representing the City of Centennial at this important event. He said, "As we all know, technology is continuously evolving at a very rapid pace and it is important for the City of Centennial to be at the forefront of these technological improvements so our residents, institutions, and businesses have the ability to compete in a global environment. In today's business environment access to telecommunication services and ultra-fast broadband is a key priority when deciding where to locate new facilities, and since Centennial is located in a very competitive neighborhood of cities, we want to be at the top of their lists. We hope to accomplish these goals by finding the right private sector partner(s) who will provide the technical and financial expertise to get us there."

For details, visit [www.nextcenturycities.org](http://www.nextcenturycities.org).

Media Stories:

<http://muninetworks.org> with audio link

[http://www.fiercetelecom.com/story/next-century-cities-coalition-leads-32-us-cities-advocating-1-gig-broadband/2014-10-20?utm\\_medium=nl&utm\\_source=internal](http://www.fiercetelecom.com/story/next-century-cities-coalition-leads-32-us-cities-advocating-1-gig-broadband/2014-10-20?utm_medium=nl&utm_source=internal)

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