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MEDIA ADVISORY

Portland to Be Featured at Launch of National, City-to-City Broadband Initiative

One of 31 inaugural partner cities of Next Century Cities

THURSDAY, OCT. 16, 2014 — Portland will be featured as an inaugural member of **Next Century Cities**, a bipartisan, city-to-city initiative dedicated to ensuring the availability of next-generation broadband Internet for all communities. The launch event will take place Monday, Oct. 20, in Santa Monica, Calif., and will be simultaneously webcast. **Register to join the webcast** at <http://bit.ly/next-century-cities>.

Mary Beth Henry with the Office for Community Technology will be representing Portland on a panel discussing Building the Next Century City.

Joining Portland will be 20 elected officials, as well as other leaders from the 31 cities joining together to form Next Century Cities. Featured speakers and panelists will discuss the importance of broadband Internet to communities nationwide, and how this new initiative will support communities and their elected leaders as they seek to ensure that all have access to fast, affordable, and reliable Internet.

WHAT: Next Century Cities Launch

WHO: Mayors and city leaders from 31 cities across the country

LINK: Register to join the webcast at <http://bit.ly/next-century-cities>

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 20

Next Century Cities: Inaugural Partner Cities (31)

- Ammon, ID
- Auburn, IN
- Austin, TX
- Boston, MA
- Centennial, CO
- Champaign, IL
- Chattanooga, TN

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- Morristown, TN
- Mount Vernon, WA
- Palo Alto, CA
- Ponca City, OK
- Portland, OR
- Raleigh, NC
- Rockport, ME
- San Antonio, TX
- Sandy, OR
- Santa Cruz County, CA
- Santa Monica, CA
- South Portland, ME
- Urbana, IL
- Westminster, MD
- Wilson, NC
- Winthrop, MN