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**City of Ammon, Idaho to Launch Fiber Utility Services**  
*Launch Event Will Bring Together Local Representatives, Broadband Experts, and Key Stakeholders*

Ammon, ID (**09/20/2017**) -- The City of Ammon, Idaho will celebrate the official launch of its fiber utility service on October 5, 2017, at the Ammon Operations Center (3453 S. Ard Dr., Ammon, ID 83406).

The City's fiber network is the first of its kind, and puts the small Idaho town on the front lines of infrastructure and economic development. While the city paid for the installation of the fiber infrastructure, the network is "open access", which allows multiple private internet service providers to compete for customers on the same dedicated fiber line to the home or business.

The one-day launch event will offer attendees the opportunity to hear more about Ammon's economic model, and how the conservative, rural town built the network without any debt and secured a 75% subscription take rate. Attendees will also have the opportunity to tour the city's cutting edge facilities.

The event will bring together representatives from Ammon and the surrounding region, policy and broadband experts, and key stakeholders to learn more about Ammon's Open Access Fiber Network.

**Brad Little**, Lieutenant Governor of Idaho will be in attendance. **Glenn Ricart**, Founder and CTO of US Ignite, will deliver a keynote address. **Tom Wheeler**, former FCC Chairman, will deliver a video address. Other speakers will include **Mayor Dana Kirkham**; **Bruce Patterson**, Ammon's Chief Technology Officer; **Chris Mitchell**, Director of the Community Broadband Networks Initiative with the Institute for Local Self-Reliance; and **Deb Socia**, Executive Director, Next Century Cities.

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