

Imagine ... the whole world at your fingertips – at speeds faster than you ever thought possible. A video conference without connection hiccups. A movie rental that takes five minutes to download, as opposed to an hour. Streaming videos of lectures taking place hundreds of miles away with resolution so precise that you can practically see the loose threads on the professor's sports coat.



Or in another vein: High-tech companies relocating to Ann Arbor, thanks to immediately available high-speed Internet that requires no up-front investment. New public-private partnerships, further strengthening Ann Arbor's long tradition of encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship and business development.

High-speed Internet, crystal clear resolution, new partnerships ... these are just some of the features our community could enjoy thanks to Google, which announced Feb. 10 that it will pick a number of communities in which it will install a broadband network that would stream data at 1 gigabit per second, or about 100 times faster than cable or DSL providers.

The City of Ann Arbor hopes to be chosen as one of the communities to benefit from such a service that would enhance speed, choice and innovation. The city of Ann Arbor and the University of Michigan are teaming up to meet Google's March 26 deadline to complete a Request for Information (RFI). Google has indicated that a major component of the selection process will be the strength of the community support and participation. We need your help to convince Google to choose Ann Arbor.

Call to Action...Help us tell Google why Ann Arbor is the perfect fit, by participating in one or all of the following ways:

- Visit www.a2fiber.com to learn about multiple ways you can help spread the word.
- Submit a community group and resident **nomination form** <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi/public/options>
- Speak at the City Council Google Fiber for Communities **public hearing** on Monday, March 15 at 7 p.m. at City Hall.
- Create your own video on **YouTube** <http://www.youtube.com/a2fiber>.
- Become an A2 Fiber **Facebook** fan <http://www.facebook.com/a2fiber>.
- Follow A2 Fiber on **Twitter** <http://www.twitter.com/a2fiber>.
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