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Connerton brings Verizon's Fiber-Optic Network into every home

TAMPA, Fla. (Jan. 5, 2006) – Connerton, the nearly 5,000 acre New Town currently under development in Pasco County, announced today an agreement with Verizon to provide residents FiOS Internet Service as part of their Homeowner Association fees. Connerton will be the first community in the Tampa Bay area to bring high-speed FTTP technology into every home.

“We are proud to offer each resident in Connerton the opportunity to utilize Verizon’s state-of-the-art service,” said Stewart Gibbons, president of Connerton. “We are committed to providing our residents with the most sophisticated communications solutions available in today’s broadband society.”

Verizon will install fiber-optic technology, called fiber-to-the-premises in each Connerton residence. FTTP delivers super-fast Internet access and voice, data and video services over the same connection. The high-speed Internet service will offer data connection speed starting at 5 megabits per second, which is comparable to rates used by most major businesses.

“Our goal is to provide homeowners with unparalleled efficiency and convenience in this constantly changing era of wired communications,” Gibbons said.

Connerton is a 4,800 acre mixed-use master planned community in Central Pasco County, and the only “New Town” currently under construction in the greater Tampa Bay area. In total, there are approximately 8,500 residential units planned with over 3 million square feet of commercial space for office, retail and industrial uses. Nearly half of the 264 residences in The Arbors, the first village in Connerton, are sold. The community will feature many amenities, including a Town Center, fitness and aquatics complex, amphitheatre, gymnasium, parks, walking trails and conservation areas. A hospital, regional park and 3 schools are also planned. For more information on Connerton, call (813) 995-2460 or visit www.connerton.com.

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