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Nextera acquires CitiLink, expands wireless service in metro

Through the recent acquisition of Apple Valley-based CitiLink Communications, Nextera Communications now has the largest fixed wireless business network in Minnesota.

To accommodate today's fast-paced technology-driven world, businesses are demanding more bandwidth and Nextera is responding. With more than 60 towers throughout the metro, Nextera provides businesses with reliable, ultra-fast Internet and clear telephone service — wirelessly.

Because Nextera's fixed wireless networks use towers rather than underground cables, installation is fast and unobtrusive.

"This is the next generation of phone and Internet service," said Greg Arvig, President of Nextera. "Trends show two-thirds of all businesses in the United States will be looking to increase their bandwidth in the next 12 months in order to keep up with the latest technology."

Nextera's wireless broadband WiMax service combines fixed wireless with IP-based voice technology and offers options from 1.5 to 6 Mega bits of bandwidth with voice prioritization, while point-to-point solutions offer speeds of up to 1 Gigabyte to Twin Cities businesses.

Nextera's fixed wireless offers an alternative to traditional telecommunications circuits. Businesses use it for their primary connection or combine it with traditional wired circuits to create a backup ensuring business continuity without the risk of voice and data service outages due to fiber cuts.

"We've partnered with metro area health care facilities, financial institutions, hotels and other businesses to provide secure, reliable, cost effective business solutions," said Arvig.

Nextera is a Brainerd/Baxter-based telecommunications company with offices in Minnetonka, St. Cloud and Duluth, providing customized, secure telecommunications services and local customer service to small and mid-sized businesses throughout Minnesota.