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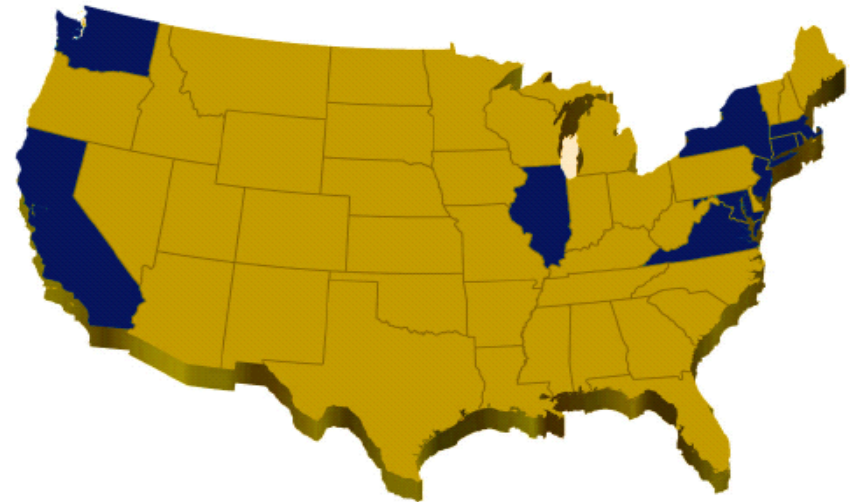
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**Avalon Bay**

# About AvalonBay Communities

- **Manage, develop, build, redevelop and acquire/sell quality apartment communities**
- **Own about 55,000 rental apartments in 186 communities in premier urban U.S. markets**
- **Major markets include: DC, Boston, NYC, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, LA, & San Diego**
- **S&P 500 Company**
- **Average rent of \$1900 per month**
- **Average length of residency is ~18 months**



*(1) 2011 Estimated*

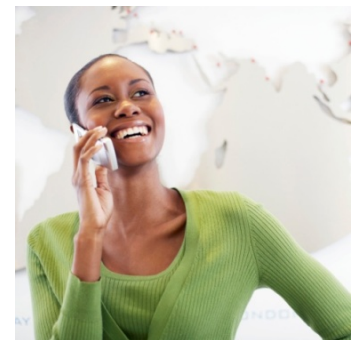
# Impact of Poor Wireless Reception

- **Issues**

- **Public safety radio reception requirements on owner/builder**
- **Subterranean areas typically have reception issues**
- **Increased demand for Cellular phone coverage (smart devices)**
- **Carriers experiencing network capacity issues**
- **LEED certified communities (LoE glass/foil-back insulation block signal) built w/ materials that impede reception**
- **Multiple providers in single location w/ fractured customer base**

- **Problem for Apartment Owners**

- **Lost leases - Prospects often check signal before leasing**
- **Increased vacancy cost/increased turnover cost**
- **Increased construction costs w/ public safety requirement**
- **Cost to provide residents femto cells or pay for landline service**
- **Industry residential turnover rate of ~ 60%**
- **Bandwidth management not our core business nor core competency**



# Costs to Correct Poor Reception

- Survey and Installation Expense
- Preliminary signal survey - ~\$7.5k
- Time and delays related to design and approval
- New construction must be surveyed again after building is up
- Carriers will not pay for system in multifamily communities - not enough customers
- Some carriers require bi-directional antennas; some (AT&T) require a base transceiver station; dual system increases expense ~ \$60k
- Proposals have ranged from \$200k - \$300k and can be much more
- Often can't get certificate of occupancy without public safety reception
- Future carrier antenna changes and/or new construction may impact reception at later date w/ additional costs
- Femto cells in resident apartments may create interference
- Retrofit solution is particularly expensive





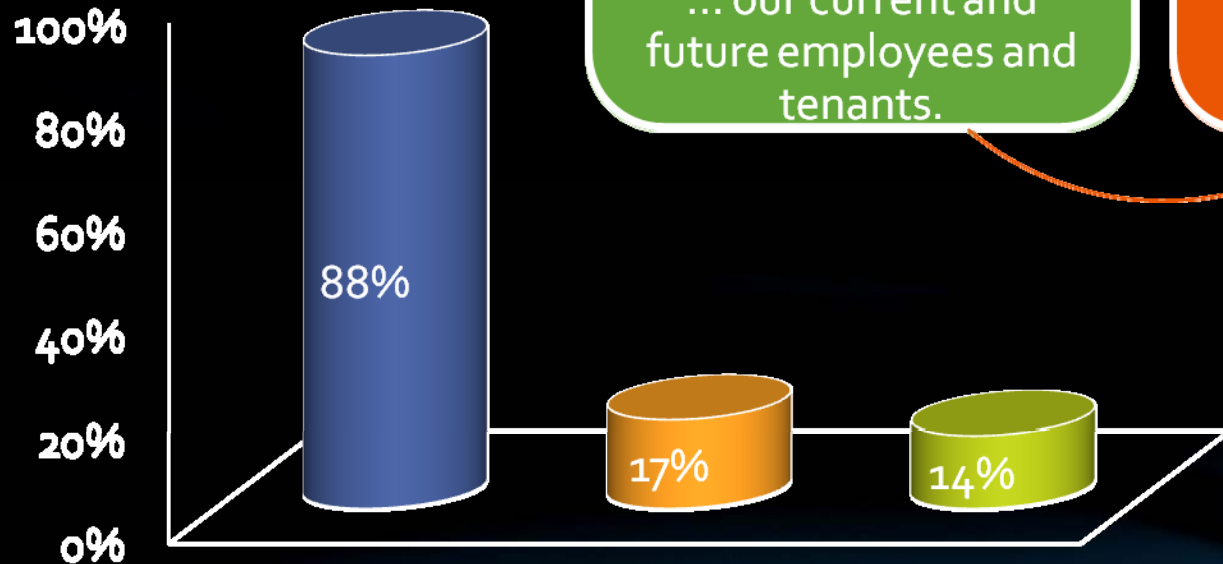
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# Our Stakeholders

**TENANTS:**  
In 2009, ~50% of 25-29 year olds had no landline...  
... our current and future employees and tenants.

**OPERATIONS:**  
308 properties  
35.5 million square feet  
10,000 work orders monthly  
All via wireless



■ Repeaters Declined ■ Signal Strength ■ Carrier Changes

2009 – 2011 Impact ~\$500,000

# Opportunity & Cost

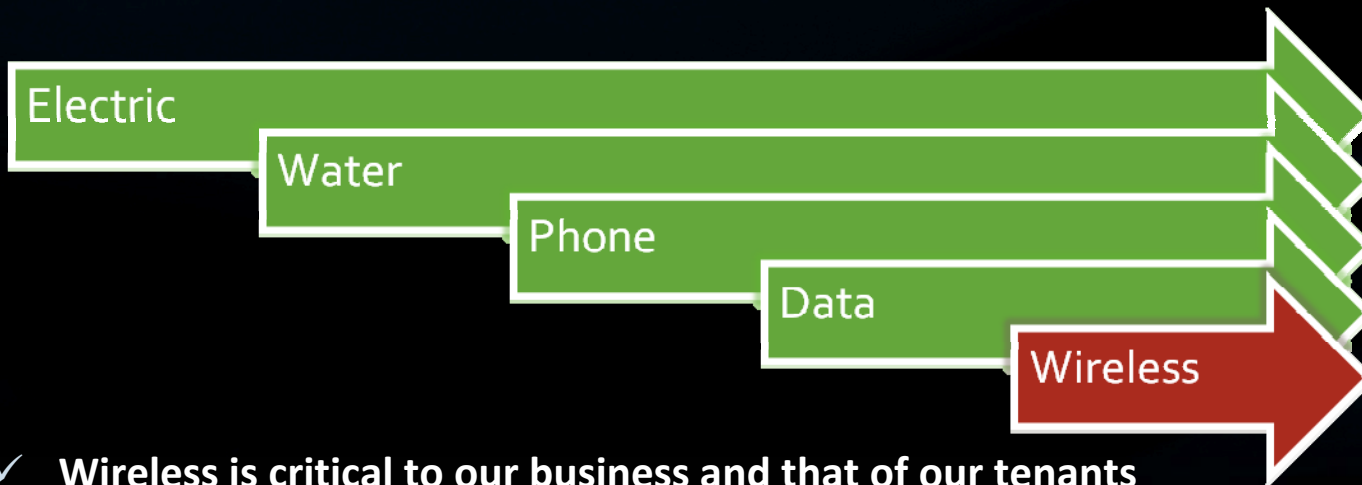


Tenants – Clients – Owners – Managers - Developers





## Ubiquity & Utility



- ✓ **Wireless is critical to our business and that of our tenants**
- ✓ **Wireless is increasingly a utility and expected to be ubiquitous**
- ✓ **Spending on signal management is a drain on profitability for us and for our customers**
- ✓ **Managing a non-standardized, fractured, continually-evolving service is not useful, profitable, or a core business**
- ✓ **Wireless voice and data must converge**
- ✓ **Property managers do not want to own bandwidth management**



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Extenet Systems

# Extenet Systems Inc.

- Background
  - Builds, owns and operates Open Distributed Networks
  - Headquartered in Lisle, Illinois
  - Founded in 2002
- Open Distributed Networks
  - Infrastructure for multiple uses and customers
  - DAS, Remote Radio Heads and Small Cells
  - Enhance wireless services for its customers
- Leader and Innovator
  - Strong patent portfolio including iDuct®
  - First commercial LTE DAS's in the US
  - Named by The Wall Street Journal as #5 of Nation's Top 50 VC-Backed Companies



## Outdoor Network Example

### Las Vegas Strip, NV



- ✓ Managed huge capacity requirements and complied with unusual aesthetics
- ✓ Flexibility/scalability
- ✓ Time to market

## Indoor Network Example

### Chicago, IL



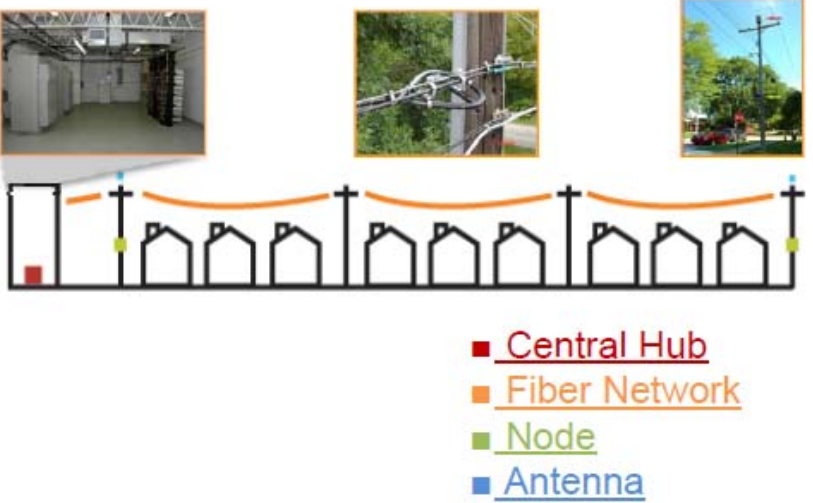
- ✓ 4.5M sq. ft.
- ✓ Class A office space
- ✓ iDuct implementation
- ✓ High capacity
- ✓ Dominance over macro
- ✓ Minimum interruption
- ✓ Time to market
- ✓ Best in class

# Outdoor Networks

## Business Model



## Network Architecture



### Applications

- Coverage and capacity challenged area
- Brings the network closer to the user
- Improves QoS and data throughput



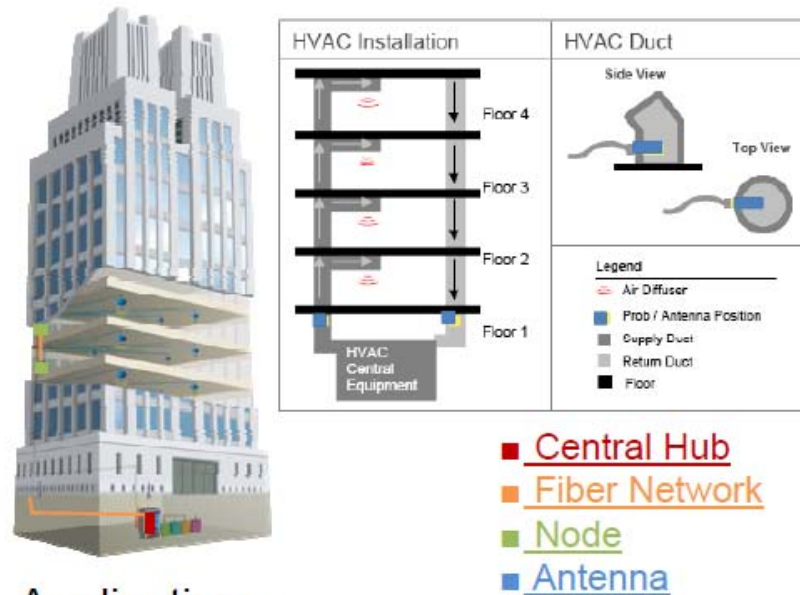


# Indoor Networks

## Business Model



## Network Architecture



### Applications

- Commercial Real Estate
- Government
- Healthcare
- Higher Education
- Hospitality
- Sports & Entertainment





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**Presidio Networked Solutions**

# Presidio Networked Solutions: Mobility and Wireless Solutions

- Presidio's suite of Advanced Mobility Solutions and Services:
  - Design and Assessment
  - Wireless Surveys
  - Wi-Fi Voice
  - Location Services (RFID)
  - Guest Access
  - Outdoor Campus and Metropolitan Area Solutions (Bridge and Mesh)
  - Security Assessment and Remediation
  - NAC Integration
  - Wireless IDS/IPS
  - Remote Operations Services



# Evolution of Wi-Fi

- Embedded wireless is now pervasive – welcome to the Connected World
- IDC says 1.1 billion Wi-Fi clients in next 3 years

## Point Applications

- Inventory Management
- Barcode Scanning



802.11 (1997)  
2Mbps

## Mobile Data

- Email
- Web browsing



802.11b (1999)  
11Mbps

## Business Ready

- Voice, Video, Data



802.11g (2003)  
54Mbps

## Next Gen Wireless

- Ubiquitous mobile computing



802.11n (2009)  
300 to 600Mbps

Wi-Fi Device Proliferation





# Challenges of Wi-Fi

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- The spectrum is dynamic
  - You are breathing the physical layer
  - RF reflects off things
  - RF is absorbed by things
  - It is a shared medium
  - Not all RF is going to be your RF
- Explosion in number of connected devices
- Bandwidth requirements are growing fast, but spectrum is fixed
- Key is to maximize performance in available spectrum





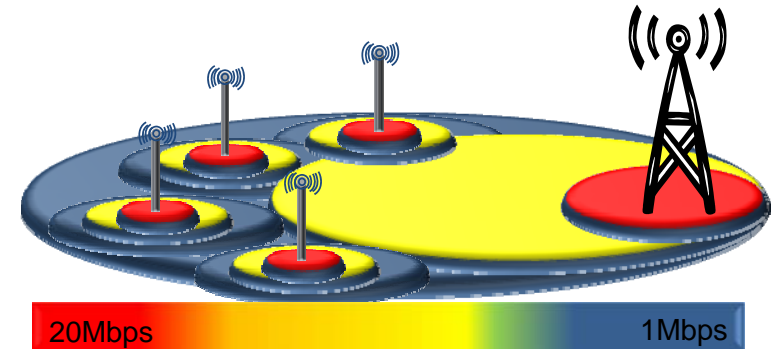
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# Small Cells and the Cable Industry

Small cells are a critical technology for addressing mobile broadband growth

- Current spectrum efficiency is approaching theoretical limits
- Limited new licensed and unlicensed spectrum opportunities
- Cellular standards are integrating small cells including WiFi
- Deployment challenges : space, power, backhaul







Cable is uniquely positioned to deploy small cells

- *Aerial cable plant* – Coaxial and optical cable in many areas in need of stronger signal and more capacity
- *DOCSIS 3.0 technology* – Supports line power and high speed IP traffic backhaul
- *Field Technician Workforce* – Skilled workforce with tools and process for rapid deployment



# Comcast Approach to Small Cells: WiFi

Outdoor	SMB	Residential	Roaming
<p><b>Initial, foundational coverage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•High foot traffic areas</li> <li>•Utilize aerial cable plant</li> <li>•Backhaul, power, mounting</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Supplement and improve presence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•“Pause and linger” venues</li> <li>•Private SMB network and XFINITY WiFi capability</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Depth and breadth</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Augment CM platform</li> <li>•Private home network and XFINITY WiFi capability</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Expand beyond Comcast footprint</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Strategic partnerships to extend availability</li> </ul>  <p>(Example potential partners)</p>

10,000's small cells  
Outdoor

100,000's small cells  
Indoor – Small Enterprise

1,000,000's small cells  
Indoor – Residential

1,000,000++ small cells  
Outdoor and Indoor



# Perspectives on Business Models

## Retail (present offerings)

- Xfinity WiFi available to all Xfinity Internet customers at no additional charge
- WiFi roaming in North-East Corridor partner networks available to all Xfinity Internet customers at no additional charge

## Commercial (potential opportunities)

- Cellular offload via WiFi for mobile network operators
- Cellular offload via integrated cellular radio (e.g., LTE radio integrated into strand mounted WiFi access point with fast and secure cellular traffic transport back to mobile operator core)

## Challenges to business model

- 2.4GHz WiFi spectrum crowded – unable to ensure “carrier grade” offload services
- 5.0GHz WiFi spectrum propagation – unreliable coverage

## Potential solutions

- Allocation of additional spectrum (below 2GHz) for “carrier grade” WiFi – “lightly licensed” spectrum
  - Precedents include FCC Memorandum and Order FCC 07-99 related to the 3650-3700MHz band
  - Non-exclusive national licenses, fee based AP registration, inter-operator contention based protocols
- Allocation of additional unlicensed spectrum (Part 15)



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# Sprint's Commitment to Small Cells



## Home FemtoCell Applications

Low power, Desktop device, Home ISP network

- 2007 initial launch
- More than 500k deployed
- Expected to surpass 1M by 2013



## Enterprise FemtoCell Applications

Low/Med power, Wall mount, Enterprise ISP

- Successful Beta Program
- Launch in November 2011.
- Yearly deployments in the thousands.



## Indoor PicoCell Applications

Med/High power, carrier provided backhaul

- Wimax deployed 2011
- LTE coming in 2012



## Outdoor PicoCell Applications

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## 5-C's of Small Cells Opportunities:

- Coverage Benefits:** traditional macro systems aren't enough
- Cost Reduction:** operators must do more with less
- Customer Satisfaction:** consumers demand high voice and data performance
- Conservation:** Lower power consumption and extended handset battery life is eco-friendly
- Capacity:** Targeted capacity where the user demands it.

# Challenges Remain

*Significant advances have been made but more progress is needed*

## ❑ Technology

- *Cost of small cell devices must continue to be reduced to drive large scale adoption*
- *GPS location is challenging in many indoor environments*
- *Need to accelerate the movement to IP networks to simplify core development*
- *Continued improvement in LTE interference management to allow for the reuse of spectrum*

## ❑ Deployment

- *Building access rights for public venues and for external coverage*
- *Availability, price and flexibility of backhaul sharing*
- *Evolution of Network sharing concepts on a wide scale basis*

## ❑ Scalability

- *Business model still has maturity to achieve*
- *Must realize true vendor interoperability and consumer choice*
- *Simplification of core network integration*





# Sprint's Hosting Plans

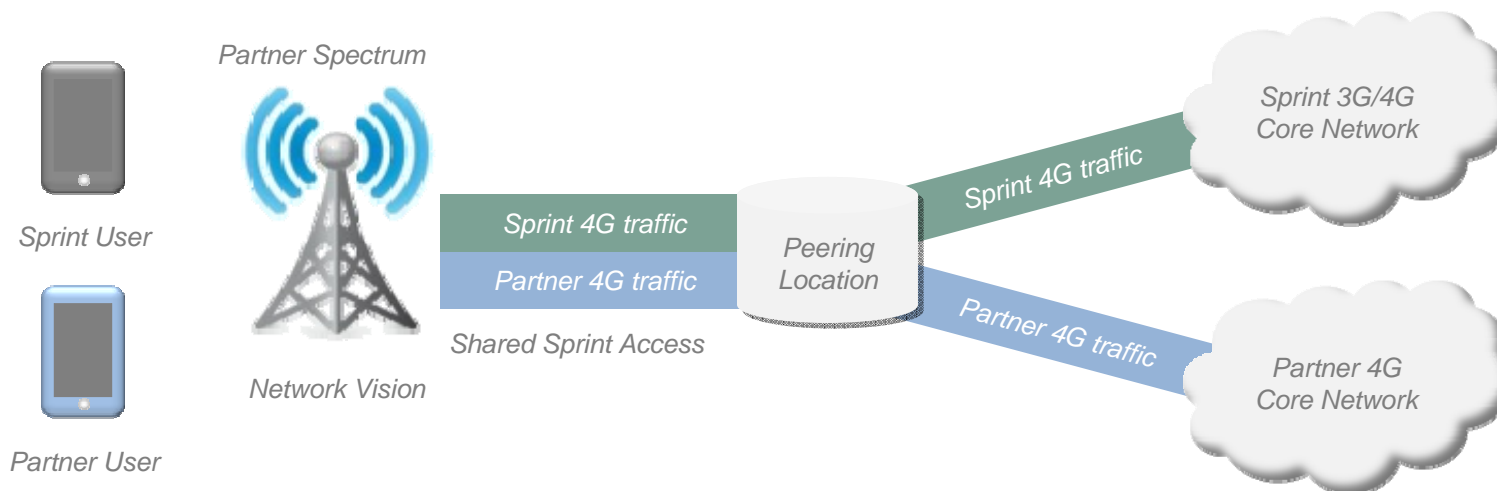


## Public Network Partner

- Spectrum is owned by Partner, leased to Sprint
- Sprint is responsible for building, operating, and managing the network under a spectrum hosting arrangement
- Both Sprint and Partner share in improved economics and scale of the network

## Proposed Small Cell Strategy

- Sprint and other carriers can share a common equipment infrastructure to increase deployment scale.
- Sprint owned and managed spectrum is deployed within the common infrastructure extending the value and utilization of the existing spectrum.
- Flexible building access and backhaul sharing costs arrangements are required.



**Sprint will continue to look for opportunities to develop small cell technology.**



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