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**The Woodlands Township seeks input for Google fiber optic trial location**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (March 8, 2010) – Google is planning to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks at one or more trial locations that will utilize fiber-to-the-home connections to the Internet at more than one gigabit per second. They will offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and upwards of 500,000 people. For a community to be considered as a test site, Google must receive nominations from residents and community groups, as well as a request for information (RFI) from the community's local government.

The Woodlands Township has received considerable communication from local agencies and residents requesting that the Township submit a response. To help with this response, the Township has put a survey on its Web site, [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov), to get resident feedback about the Google fiber optic trial. The survey link, titled "GOOGLE SURVEY," can be found on the left navigation panel of the main page.

The results of the survey will be included with the RFI that will be submitted to Google. The RFI will consist of questionnaires regarding community background information, collaboration on the Google Fiber Trial, community support, facilities and resources, construction methods and regulatory issues.

The Woodlands Township is asking residents to take part in the survey, which will remain on the Web site until Friday, March 26. The Township believes that the Google fiber optic trial would be a quality of life benefit for residents, as well as an economic development asset to the community.

For more information on The Woodlands Township government, please call 281-210-3800 or visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).

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