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District Court and City of Chicago Team Up to Offer Wireless Internet in Lobby and Cafeteria of U.S. Courthouse

CHICAGO – Chief Judge James F. Holderman is pleased to announce that the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse is now offering free wireless internet (Wi-Fi) access in the Courthouse lobby and second-floor cafeteria. This service is provided at no cost to its users, thanks to the City of Chicago, which installed its equipment to cover the Federal Plaza area as one of several wireless hotspots within the City. The District Court combined forces with the General Services Administration and the City of Chicago’s Department of Business Information Services to ensure that the newly-established Wi-Fi service area would extend to the second-floor cafeteria and lobby area of the Everett McKinley Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, as well as throughout the Federal Plaza on the 200 block of South Dearborn Street. Wi-Fi access does not extend to any of the courtrooms at the Courthouse.

“We, at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse, are excited to be in a position to offer this valuable public service as an accommodation to attorneys, jurors, members of the media, members of the public, and our own Courthouse staff in those areas of the Courthouse where it is available,” said Chief Judge Holderman.

Courthouse visitors, students, and lawyers who bring their laptop computers or personal digital assistants (PDA) to the Courthouse can utilize the free wireless network in the Courthouse lobby and second-floor cafeteria by clicking on the “WIZ” SSID (Service Set Identifier). Laptops and handheld devices must have wireless network interface cards (NIC) installed in order to access the hotspot. No password is necessary for users to log onto the “WIZ” connection. All laptops and PDAs brought into the Courthouse are subject to inspection by the court security officers at security screening stations.

Additional information concerning the City of Chicago’s public wireless network is available at the City of Chicago’s website www.cityofchicago.org.