

Concourse Communications to Take The Field Museum Wireless

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Concourse Communications Group, a Chicago-based wireless network operator, on Monday announced it has been awarded the contract to install and manage an in-building commercial wireless network and the roof-top rights for external coverage at The Field Museum's complex located along Chicago's lakefront.

The system, expected to be operational late this year, will support both cellular voice and data services as well as high-speed wireless Internet access via the 802.11b/g standard, commonly known as WiFi.

"The Field Museum joins the growing list of major public venues installing an in-building wireless system to enable improved mobile phone reception as well as Wi-Fi data services," said Joe Beatty, CEO of Concourse.

According to Bill Barnett, Vice President and Chief Information Officer of The Field Museum, "We expect this system not only to improve basic communications services for our visitors, but to improve life safety across the campus. It will also allow The Field Museum to lay the groundwork for future interactive exhibits we create and host. For example, visitors may be able to receive pertinent interactive content through their cell phones or through PDA's once they approach and view an exhibit. Teachers may use handhelds to communicate wirelessly with their students during field trips and even conduct real-time quizzes to further reinforce the learning experience. "

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