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### **Contracting/Employment opportunities for the GigaPlus Argyll Broadband Scheme**

AB Internet are pleased to be working with GigaPlus Argyll to bring next generation superfast Broadband access to the Islands of Mull, Iona, Lismore, Colonsay, Islay, Luing Jura and the Craignish peninsula.

AB Internet has been awarded the contract for the construction of a Broadband network to enhance the working and leisure lives of communities in areas where the mainstream internet service providers haven't been able to reach. Within this context, it is recognised that the digital economy, or indeed the elimination of the digital divide, can drive recovery and improve economies, especially in areas where internet access is either poor or non-existent. The networks that AB Internet will be deploying are a hybrid of fixed line, fibre and wireless although predominantly wireless and will involve the construction of strategically placed transmitters and receivers to the benefit of many communities and businesses in these areas.

GigaPlus Argyll alongside AB Internet will be supplying a range of affordable services with packages to suit all budgets from 2Mb up to 50Mb (defined as "Superfast"). The scheme will allow for new technologies, such as cloud, to be available, either directly, or through IT resellers, who will also benefit from increased business activity in the region.

It is the policy of GigaPlus Argyll and AB Internet to employ local people for the installation and maintenance of the network and we are keen to work with local trades people to construct, install and maintain the network. The construction will consist of three key elements; steel lattice towers; telegraph poles and access equipment (small devices) to be attached to property when customers sign up for the service.

Specifically, we are looking for people who have experience in, or equipment for:

- 1) Steelwork erection and construction with groundworks and concrete base laying and also protective steel fencing.
- 2) Pole-work erection with groundworks and digging equipment with protective stock fencing.
- 3) Antenna fitment to houses and commercial property - TV antenna and satellite installers would be welcome. AB Internet is willing to provide training for those that feel they need it.
- 4) Telecoms / computer / IT people for basic maintenance and repairs or advice at local level.

In the first instance, please can you register your interest in providing services for the project by emailing me at [dave.snelson@abinternet.co.uk](mailto:dave.snelson@abinternet.co.uk). GigaPlus Argyll and AB Internet look forward to hearing from you.

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