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Internet education network spreads to desert area

COACHELLA VALLEY: The high-tech link is expected to boost learning and research.

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PALM DESERT - The "digital divide" closed officially Monday for higher education in the desert.

With satellite appearances by Gov. Schwarzenegger and state school Superintendent Jack O'Connell, officials announced the extension of the optical-fiber backbone for the California Research & Education Network (CalREN) through the Coachella Valley.

CalREN is a high-bandwidth, high-capacity Internet network designed for California's research and education community. It provides a statewide and global link.

A \$3.4 million grant to the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California allowed 400 miles of new optical fiber lines.

The money created new backbone hub sites at UC Riverside, Cal State San Bernardino, Palm Desert campus and El Centro.

Funding came from the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation.

Now, the high-tech connectivity is available at College of the Desert, Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert campus and UCR's Palm Desert Graduate Center.

The new technology means many advantages for the Coachella Valley, a booming area approaching 400,000 people.

It will boost the region's economy, create a highly trained labor force, boost college enrollment and make attending classes in the desert much more convenient, several speakers said.

Schwarzenegger, speaking from a Glendale school, appeared on a monitor.

The governor applauded the "high-tech highway." But he also said California must also continue building more schools and improving the roads and highways linking them.

O'Connell, speaking from San Luis Obispo, saw the Internet network -- which also connects many K-12 districts across the state -- as a way of "closing the achievement gap."

The new technology at UCR's Palm Desert Graduate Center ties it with the main campus 65 miles away. Cal State San Bernardino's Palm Desert campus will use the high-bandwidth connection for boosting its nursing program. College of the Desert will blanket the campus with wireless connectivity for faculty, students and staff, including Webcasts of campus events and integrating the technology with podcasting, videoconferencing and video on demand, according to a news release.

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