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Roscommon Gets First Azotel Service

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Azotel-BriskNet is the service provider and plans to expand from Roscommon into Galway and Mayo in early 2007.

Welcoming the announcement, communications minister Noel Dempsey said the service was a good example of how the challenge of providing broadband in uneconomic areasandnbsp;can beandnbsp;solved by industry

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partners working with the state's metropolitan area network infrastructure.

Azotel-BriskNet is the first service resulting from a partnership involving Azotel, Hosting 365 and Motorola (NYSE: [MOT](#) - [news](#)), which enables franchisees to set themselves up as a wireless broadband ISP.

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E-net, the company which manages the government's metropolitan area fibre networks has agreed to provide backhaul to Azotel customers. Azotel itself provides the core network and back office functions for the broadband operator, through its WISPer platform, while Hosting 265 provides managed services, including technical support.

The product is pitched at operators serving rural communities and recipients of grants under the Group Broadband Schemes.