TOP 10 TIPS:

Maximizing your Internet Connection

1   **Determine your bandwidth needs.** The larger your bandwidth the more traffic your Internet can handle without bogging down.

2   **Decide how critical Internet reliability is to your business.** Consider the potential impact if your Internet connection slows or drops.

3   **Decide how you want to connect your computers to the Internet.** This could be wired, wireless or a hybrid solution.

4   **Find out what services are available in your area.** Compare the available options to your needs, including budget.

5   **Save money by exploring the service bundle options.** See if any meet your needs, such as a voice and Internet bundle.

6   **Evaluate the service level agreement.** Take into consideration the level of support you will receive through the service provider.

7   **Ask if there are additional value-added services.** This could include email, Web site hosting, Web site templates and more.

8   **Obtain all necessary equipment such as cables and routers.** This will make your set up process much easier.

9   **Create a secure password and change it on a regular basis.** It is necessary to prevent others from using your bandwidth or worse.

10   **Prevent slow downs while online.** Empty your Internet browser cache to clean out unneeded data.

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