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■ **Advanced Communications**

Technology of Sheridan has leased the former MDU building at 290 N. Brooks St. from Whitney Benefits.

Whitney Benefits acquired the building, which is adjacent to Whitney Commons, from Montana-Dakota Utilities last year.

Tim Green, vice president and general manager of ACT, said the company has operated from temporary headquarters off North Main Street since it relocated to Sheridan in 2001.

"This move is critical, because it places ACT's corporate offices in the middle of downtown Sheridan and provides our customers with enhanced access," Green said. He added the 290 N. Brooks location also provides the company with "ample space for continuing expansion."

ACT is one of four companies that are part of Range Telephone. The company provides telephone and Internet service in Sheridan as well as "fiber optic connectivity to nearly every community in northern Wyoming, including Sheridan, Buffalo,

Gillette, Riverton and Lander," Green added.

Tom Kinnison, president of Whitney Benefits' board of trustees, said the opportunity to lease the former MDU building to ACT "complements Whitney's plan to create a stronger, progressive business environment in our community."

He added, "The opportunity to use our assets to help grow knowledge-based businesses such as ACT is critical to Sheridan's future."