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US telecom cable set for Army base

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A TRANSATLANTIC telecom cable linking the UK to the US is set to be connected to a former military base, it was revealed yesterday.

The old Fort George Army in Derry has been picked for Project Kelvin telehouse, the firm delivering the €30million plan has confirmed.

Hibernia Atlantic said the River Foyle site was the ideal location for the project.

Derry regeneration company flex will now apply for planning permission for the development.

The fibre optic cable, which connects England to America, runs along the seabed. A 22-mile offshoot will now link Northern Ireland to the high speed digital service.

Enterprise Minister Arlene Foster said the plan is "an important milestone".