

## Testimony Outline (10 minutes total)

1. Overview of Ultra High Speed Broadband Task Force
  - a. Diverse, representative of all of MN
  - b. Report due Nov 2009
    - i. Recommending Policy and Goals
  - c. Ready to assist
  - d. Willing to bring info requests back to the whole task force that meets soon
2. The Obama Administration's Plans
  - a. Immediate – “shovel ready” projects
  - b. Second phase projects– 30-45 days
  - c. US Sen. Klobuchar's December Meeting and January floor speech
    - i. strengthening the nation's broadband infrastructure can jump-start economy
    - ii. incorporating these investments into the upcoming economic stimulus bill would help struggling communities, especially those in rural areas, by expanding educational, health care and employment opportunities.
  - d. You are smart to look at broadband opportunities to further the economy and connectivity in the state
  - e. Need to be ready to jump on funding as it becomes available
3. Potential areas to help
  - a. NOTE: Do not dis-incent private sector
  - b. Ubiquity – all areas
  - c. Fund demonstration / pilot projects
    - i. Healthcare
  - d. Seed Private-Public Partnerships
  - e. Support redundancy
    - i. Expert from New York who testified that have 6 such sites statewide for 511 – type buildings and MN has only one
4. Funding Methods
  - a. Outright grants
  - b. Matching grants
  - c. Loan or no interest loans
  - d. Tax incentivesPrivate sector funding
5. Close
  - a. Look forward to working closely with you
  - b. Will answer any questions