

Welcome to the Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and working to ensure our state has the technology infrastructure in place to compete globally.

As we collaborate over the coming months to generate the final report I'm sure we will learn much from each other. We are not always going to agree on every point, but I'm confident the debate will be healthy and help us reach our ultimate goal: a recommendation to the Governor and key legislative leaders that includes a plan to achieve a state ultra high-speed goal.

We will approach our work deliberately and with care, while seeking to understand all angles of the complex issues surrounding our broadband infrastructure in the state. As Chair, it is my role to not only ensure full and open discussion of all of these views, but also to guide us to a meaningful report out with as much agreement as possible.

As chair, I'd like to share some housekeeping items:

### **Meeting Plans**

We will meet at [Thomson Reuters in Eagan](#) on the third Friday of each month between now and November 2009. The meeting will be from 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. The dates are:

- August 15, 2008
- September 19, 2008
- October 17, 2008
- November 14, 2008 (exception to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday rule)
- December 19, 2008
- January 16, 2009
- February 20, 2009
- March 20, 2009
- April 17, 2009
- May 15, 2009
- June 19, 2009
- July 17, 2009
- August 21, 2009
- September 18, 2009
- October 16, 2009
- November 1, 2009 – submit report

I look forward to our first meeting in August. During this session, we will tease out from each of you the goals and hopes for our Task Force. I am certain it will be a productive start. We'll also discuss how we'll operate the Task Force in an

efficient and inclusive manner and begin to shape our agendas for the future meetings.

### **Web Site**

To inform the public of the progress the task force is making, in addition to sharing articles and facilitating discussion, we are planning to create a Web site: [www.ultra-high-speed-mn.org](http://www.ultra-high-speed-mn.org). We plan to launch the site prior to the first meeting and look forward to hearing from you about the information that you'd like to see on the site.

### **E-mail Distribution List**



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### **Welcome Luncheon**

Before our first meeting in August, I'd like to invite you to a welcome luncheon. Realizing that many of you may have previous plans, rest assured, the luncheon will not be a meeting, just a way for us to gather.

July 25, 2008

Noon – 2 p.m.

MAI Village Restaurant

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It will all be very exciting and I am honored to be your Chair. Thank you for your commitment to this important piece of Minnesota's future. Your leadership will be integral to the success of this Task Force.

Please contact me with questions or comments at 651-848-7819 or [rick.king@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:rick.king@thomsonreuters.com).

Cordially,



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