



Special Meeting Agenda

Date	Friday, February 6, 2009
Time	11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Location	Video Conference Locations See attached for a listing of locations
Public Notice	Agendas and meeting dates available at www.ultra-highspeed-mn.org
11:00 – 11:15	Opening comments; review meeting agenda; public comment
11:15 – 12:45	Review State Broadband Mapping Report – Brent Legg, Connected Nation
12:45 – 1:15	Break for Lunch
1:15 – 4:00	Brainstorm and Discuss Potential Projects for Stimulus Funds Identify and discuss potential projects as requested by the Committee Chairs for use of the Obama stimulus funds (American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009*). Project list to be finalized at February 20 th Task Force Meeting.
4:00	Adjourn

*Excerpts from the **American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Transform our Economy with Science and Technology: Our nation needs to put scientists to work looking for the next great discovery, creating jobs in cutting and make smart investments that will help businesses in every community succeed in a global economy. For every dollar invested in broadband the economy sees a ten-fold return on that investment.

- \$10 billion for science facilities, research, and instrumentation.
- \$6 billion to expand broadband internet access so businesses in rural and other underserved areas can link up to the global economy.

Rural Broadband Infrastructure Development Recovery Funding: \$2.825 billion

USDA's Rural Development mission area has had significant experience for more than seven years in delivering broadband infrastructure to rural America through its distance learning, telemedicine, and broadband program. The funding provided will significantly expand "openaccess" broadband networks in order to enhance the communication capabilities necessary for continued economic growth. Funding for this initiative will support the installation of openaccess broadband infrastructure. An open-access network will preserve competition while ensuring that the country utilizes to the fullest extent all of its available resources in rural America.

The funding will be strongly oriented towards grants to provide the maximum incentive for providing broadband service in unserved areas. Expanding open-access broadband services in rural America will enable consumers and businesses to be connected to the Internet at a speed one hundred times faster than today's dial-up modems. Accelerating the distribution of broadband networks will bring many new opportunities to businesses and consumers, as well as provide more robust commercial and communications connections. This level of funding could generate at least \$5.5 billion in direct investment for broadband infrastructure and rural access, and directly benefit over 7,600 rural communities and 3.6 million residents and businesses. USDA estimates that approximately 119,000 new jobs would be created as a result of the initial investment.



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- Help Desk** COMET/METNET help desk @ 888-345-1727
or Lee Sutton @ 507-317-1031 (cell)
- Locations**
- 1. MetNet (host) – St. Paul**
Metropolitan State University, 700 East 7th Street, St. Paul, MN 55106
(Library – 302)
Driving Directions and Campus Map:
http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/resources/depts_services/bldg_services/location.html
Library is across 7th Street (building E on the map)
 - 2. COMET – Southeast Rochester**
Rochester Community and Technical College, 851 30th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904
(Science & Technology – 114)
Driving Directions: <http://www.rctc.edu/campustour/getting-to-ucr.html>
Building Maps: <http://www.rctc.edu/campustour/maps/buildingmaps.html>
 - 3. NEAT – Northeast Duluth**
Lake Superior College, 2101 Trinity Road, Duluth, MN 55811
(E2042)
Driving Directions: <http://www.lsc.cc.mn.us/CampusMaps/driving.cfm>
<http://www.lsc.cc.mn.us/CampusMaps/LSCMap08.pdf>
Room Map: <http://www.lsc.cc.mn.us/CampusMaps/Maps1.pdf>
 - 4. NETS – Northwest Crookston**
University of Minnesota – Crookston, 2900 University Ave, Crookston, MN 56716
(Kiehle Building – 105)
Driving Directions: <http://www.umcrookston.edu/info/tours/images/inset3.gif>
Campus Map: http://www.umcrookston.edu/info/tours/documents/UMC_Campus_Map_Fall_2006.pdf
 - 5. SHOT – Southwest Marshall**
Southwest Minnesota State University, 1501 State St, Marshall, MN 56258
(Bellows Academic Center – 524)
Driving Directions:
<http://www.mapquest.com/maps/map.adp?formtype=address&addtohistory=&address=%5b1400%2d1485%5d%20State%20St&city=Marshall&state=mn&diff=1>
Campus Map: <http://www.smsu.edu/Admission/Registration/map.pdf>
 - 6. CMDLN – Central St. Cloud**
St. Cloud State University, 720 4th Avenue South, St. Cloud, MN 56301
(CH106 Centennial Hall)
Driving Directions and Campus Map: <http://www.stcloudstate.edu/campusmap/default.asp?d=mapParking>