



Task Force Members,

Attached is our agenda for the June 19th Broadband Task Force meeting at the **Sawmill Inn** (Highway 169 South) in **Grand Rapids**. We have a number of opportunities to hear from and interact with folks from the Grand Rapids area. Please join us for the Blandin Foundation hosted **reception at the Sawmill Inn from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Thursday evening**. Also note that we are welcome to join the Blandin Foundation sponsored **Minnesota Broadband Policy Seminar** at the Sawmill Inn from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

We have a full day planned on Friday starting with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. which offers another opportunity to connect with the public. We have expanded our time for public comment and will also hear from a regional panel. Thank you Jack Geller for all the excellent work you have done to organize and promote the Grand Rapids meeting.

Our agenda also includes recommendations from the “Speed” sub-group and a continuation of our discussion regarding the Role of Government. And finally, we will review the first draft of our report. We have compiled *all* of our writings to-date into one report document. Where we could summarize, we have done so. I think you’ll agree that while we have a lot of consolidating to do, it is exciting to see the fruits of our work start to take shape in a report format.

Homework Assignments

1. Review **Recommendation 1: Identify the level of service** (starting on page 38) to see the recommendation of the “Speed Team.”
2. Prepare for a continuation of the **Role of Government** discussion by reviewing the summary of our discussion from the May meeting (attached).
3. Review the **report draft** and come to the meeting with feedback regarding format, section layout and the overall framework. *Note that we will bring color copies of the report for each of you to the meeting.* Focus on the Recommendations section of the report. We will be assigning Recommendation sub-groups to present at the July meeting. Think about which sub-group you would like to join:
 - Recommendation 2: Policies and actions necessary to achieve ubiquitous broadband - Page 42
 - Recommendation 3: Opportunities for public and private sectors to cooperate to achieve goal - Page 48



- Recommendation 4: Evaluation of strategies, financing, financial incentives used in other states/countries to support broadband development - Page 54
- Recommendation 5: Evaluation and recommendation of security, vulnerability, and redundancy actions necessary to ensure reliability - Page 58
- Recommendation 6: Cost Estimate - Page 64 [How will we pay for it? Future scenarios and how to take advantage of them; Comprehensive policy recommendations]

Also remember to **bring your calendars** so that we can look at dates for a second meeting in both September and October. It is energizing for me to see the report document. We have made great progress and have good momentum going into our Greater Minnesota meetings. I appreciate the extra effort involved for many of you to attend these meetings in person.

As always, please inform Sue susan.lauermann@thomsonreuters.com if you are unable to attend the meeting and who you plan to send as a substitute. Thank you.

Best regards,

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