



## Memo from the Taskforce Chair, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Task Force Members,

Attached is our agenda for the July 17<sup>th</sup> Broadband Task Force meeting at the **Loose Moose Saloon and Conference Center** (119 S. Front Street) in **Mankato**. We have a number of opportunities to hear from and interact with folks from the Mankato area. On Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> Christensen Communications (104 W. Main Street in Madelia) is hosting an **open house from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.** The Minnesota Telecom Alliance is hosting a **reception at the Loose Moose Saloon and Conference Center from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Also note that we are welcome to join the Blandin Foundation sponsored **Minnesota Broadband Policy Seminar** at the Region 9 Development Commission (Suite 400, 410 E Jackson St) **from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.** on Thursday. Thanks go to Brent Christensen for his efforts in organizing and promoting the Mankato meeting.

We have a very 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 we will come to agreement on our approach to an aspirational speed goal. We will hear from the Role of Government sub-group and clarify our language regarding symmetrical versus asymmetrical speeds.

Our agenda also includes report-outs from the four sub-groups assigned to Recommendations #2 - #6. **Sub-group leaders – please send Anne Losby [anne.losby@thomsonreuters.com](mailto:anne.losby@thomsonreuters.com) any meeting handouts by end-of-day, Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.** **Additionally, please advise me of any concerns about the amount of time allocated to your sub-group.** We will also have an updated version of the report for you to review. Our plan is to send you the updated version of the report in advance of the meeting and, of course, we will bring copies to the meeting.

Please note that the agenda as it stands has the task force **meeting ending at 3:45 p.m.** I hope that this does not cause you too much inconvenience. We have a lot to cover this month with all the sub-groups reporting out. I appreciate the extra effort involved for all of you to attend these Greater Minnesota meetings in person.

As always, please inform Sue [susan.lauermann@thomsonreuters.com](mailto: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,

Rick