

Google Network Residents and Community Groups Application

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If you are responding on behalf of an organization or community group, please describe it:	<p>Dakota Future is a private-public countywide economic development non-profit corporation linking business, education and government in an initiative to improve our economic competitiveness.</p> <p>Dakota Future is currently leading Dakota County's Intelligent Community Initiative and we have recently been named a global Smart 21 Community by the Intelligent Community Forum.</p> <p>Learn more at www.dakotafuture.com.</p>
City: *	Dakota County, which includes multiple cities and townships. Dakota County is the southern gateway to the Twin Cities Metropolitan Area.
State: *	Minnesota
Why should Google build a fiber to the home network where you live? *	<p>Google's network would be an economic success in Dakota County and a showcase for the advanced applications that will be deployed.</p> <p>This application is backed by a Dakota County coalition, including government, business and education. We have indicators of support from both telecommunications providers who are anxious to provide advanced services over the Google Network and from companies and institutions that would like to reach their customers over this network.</p> <p>Dakota County, with a population of 400,000, has a strong economy, an educated citizenry, a vibrant corporate community and a culture of collaboration. The city and county broadband work group have been working together on networks, broadband services and application development for several years. Dakota County was Minnesota's 1st E-Commerce Ready County, receiving this designation more than five years ago. The public sector I-Net has been a model for other counties in Minnesota. The Dakota County Communications Center is a new state-of-the-art emergency communications center. We have a new video promoting the value of broadband as a vital community asset. This video was created prior to the Google announcement.</p>

	<p>Dakota Future, with our cross-sector board of directors, will be a strong partner in ensuring that network planning and deployment goes smoothly. Our Intelligent Community Initiative can serve as a driving force for network use. We have existing work groups in broadband, knowledge workforce, innovation, digital inclusion and marketing/advocacy.</p> <p>Dakota County is home to some of Minnesota’s leading companies and the residents who work in these firms. Most of Minnesota’s high tech growth in the past five years has been in Dakota County.</p> <p>Thomson Reuters, Goodrich Sensors and Integrated Systems, Unisys, Lockheed Martin and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota are just some of our information economy corporations. The employees who work at these firms and thousands of other smaller firms are tech savvy and bandwidth hungry.</p>
<p>Web link to supporting material (YouTube videos and other creative submissions are encouraged!):</p>	<p>www.dakotafuturefiber.com</p> <p>This includes all of the data requested for the government application as well as a bunch of other good stuff!</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	
<p>What kinds of Internet services are available where you live?</p>	<p>Dial-up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>DSL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Cable modem <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Fiber to the home <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in very limited areas _____</p> <p>Wireless <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____, including cellular, business-oriented fixed wireless, and Wi-Fi</p> <p>Other _____ None _____ Don't know _____</p>
<p>What kind of Internet service do you primarily use at home?</p>	<p>None _____</p> <p>Dial-up _____</p> <p>DSL _____</p> <p>Cable modem <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____</p> <p>Fiber to the home _____</p> <p>Wireless _____</p> <p>Other _____</p> <p>Don't know _____</p>
<p>What company provides your</p>	<p>AT&T, SBC _____</p> <p>Verizon _____</p>

<p>home Internet service? -</p>	<p>Qwest _____ Comcast <u> X </u>_____ Road Runner, Time Warner _____ Charter _____ Cox _____ Cablevision _____ AOL _____ EarthLink _____ NetZero, Juno, BlueLight _____ CenturyLink, CenturyTel, Embarq _____ Other _____</p>
<p>What is the advertised speed of your home Internet service? Please round to the nearest megabit per second (Mbps).</p>	<p>"Less than 1 Mbps" _____ "1-5 Mbps" _____ "5-10 Mbps" _____ "10 Mbps or faster" <u> X </u>_____ "Don't know" _____</p>
<p>What is your actual download speed during the evening?</p>	<p>"Less than 1 Mbps" _____ "1-5 Mbps" _____ "5-10 Mbps" _____ "10 Mbps or faster" <u> X </u>_____ "Don't know" _____</p>
<p>What is your actual upload speed during the evening?</p>	<p>"Less than 1 Mbps" _____ "1-5 Mbps" <u> X </u>_____ "5-10 Mbps" _____ "10 Mbps or faster" _____ "Don't know" _____</p>
<p>How much does your Internet service cost per month?</p>	<p>"Free" _____ " Less than \$10" _____ "\$10-20" _____ "\$20-40" _____ "\$40-60" <u> X </u>_____ "\$60-\$80" _____ "\$80-\$100" _____ "\$100 or more" _____</p>

<p>Is your Internet service "bundled" with other services like TV and phone?</p>	<p>- Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - No _____</p>
<p>How many times in the last month did your high-speed Internet service not work correctly, slow down or frustrate you?</p>	<p>"Never it's great!" _____ "1 to 5 times" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "6 to 10 times" _____ "More than 10. Boo!" _____</p>
<p>Describe the quality of your home Internet service customer support:</p>	<p>No complaints.</p>
<p>What would you like to see improved about your current service? Check all that apply.</p>	<p>Lower price <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faster speed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Higher reliability <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> - more consistent speed _____ Better customer support _____</p>