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Bill Coleman, Executive Director
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Dear Bill:

In my role as the Responsible Officer for the University of Minnesota's UMore Park project, I am pleased to lend my support to Dakota Future's response to Google's Fiber for Communities Request for Information.

The University's goal of founding a community of 20,000 to 30,000 people on the 5,000-acre property in Dakota County is a unique, 25- to 30-year endeavor. The new community will be socially, economically and environmentally sustainable with a particular focus on education, energy and health. Successful innovation in each of these areas depends on a robust network infrastructure that supports advanced applications and new technologies.

Although the first phase of development is not scheduled to proceed until 2013 at the earliest, we strongly support efforts that strengthen the infrastructure and economy of the region.

Congratulations to Dakota Future as well as the county and its communities on such an innovation-oriented and thoughtful proposal. I support your efforts and wish you the best.

Sincerely,



Charles C. Muscoplat
Vice President

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