

# Broadband Work Group Assignment

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## #1 – Benchmarking Submittal and Analysis

Currently 96% of Minnesota is being served by Broadband (Minnesota FCC definition).

Fiber to home may be partial solution but other deliverables to be considered.

What is needed for both the private and educational side as far as price.

Increase high-speed availability at affordable rates is a priority goal.

Agriculture demand, capacity needs.

## #2 – Review, edit and adopt the draft work group goal.

Goal: Current Goal as stated - Create and maintain an environment where all people and organizations are connected via world-class wired and wireless telecommunications infrastructure and innovative services at an affordable cost.

Clarification on the word “services” – Not just the triple-play (voice, data, video)

Suggestion to change the word maintain to sustain.

After discussion from the group regarding the goal statement the goal reads as:

Create and sustain an environment where all people and organizations are connected via world-class wired and wireless telecommunications infrastructure and innovative services at an affordable cost.

## #3 – How to get to be a “5”?

Focusing around these four goals- cost, accessibility, capacity, and availability.

On November 6<sup>th</sup> the state report will define what goals we need.

Communication on what government and businesses will buy. If we know what they are looking for, it is easy to build the speed.

## #4 - Who else might be currently engaged in this topic and interested in participating?

Minnesota Continuing Education taskforce chair, Rick and Sandy, Century Lake Incumbents, Frontier Communications, Minnesota Workforce Center, Community Television (MACTA), Kim Lindquist, City of Rosemount, School partners.

**Other agenda items:**

Next meeting date change from November 6<sup>th</sup> to November 20<sup>th</sup> at the Eagan City Hall in Eagan Minnesota at 9:00 a.m.

- View video of global competition
- Future discussing of goals
- Governor's Broadband Initiative report