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Dubuque Pursuing Google Fiber Project

DUBUQUE, Iowa – Google plans to launch an experiment to make Internet access better and faster for everyone. They plan to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. Dubuque is becoming nationally recognized as a "living laboratory" to test new, innovative ideas and services, and the City of Dubuque hopes Dubuque can be one of the communities selected by Google for this project.

Google is asking local governments and residents to express their interest in the fiber optic trial, and to provide information about their community by completing their request for information. Dubuque is applying to be one of these trial locations and Dubuque residents can demonstrate public support by nominating their community by March 26, 2010. Nominations are being accepted online only and a link, as well as additional information, is available at www.cityofdubuque.org/googlefiber. Interested residents are encouraged to complete the online survey and nominate Dubuque.

The proposed networks will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home connections. Service will be offered at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people.

As a first step, Google has issued a Request for Information (RFI) to help identify interested communities and they are accepting responses from local government, as well as members of the public. Here are some specific things they have in mind for the project:

- Next generation apps: Google wants to see what developers and users can do with ultra high-speeds, whether it's creating new bandwidth-intensive "killer apps" and services, or other uses we can't yet imagine.
- New deployment techniques: Google will test new ways to build fiber networks; to help inform, and support deployments elsewhere, we'll share key lessons learned with the world.
- Openness and choice: Google says they willoperate an "open access" network, giving users the choice of multiple service providers and manage the network in an open, non-discriminatory, and transparent way.

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