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The PSC has released a Draft Broadband Investment Plan for Region 5 *Now Accepting Public Comments*



MADISON- The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin appointed eighteen community leaders from the area to the Broadband Planning Team representing Northeast Wisconsin. The Broadband Planning Team consists of members from Brown, Door, Florence, Green Lake, Waushara, Fond du Lac, Oconto, Menominee, Waupaca, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Shawano, Marquette, Outagamie, Calumet, Sheboygan and Winnebago Counties. After considerable effort and numerous meetings, the Team has drafted a preliminary plan and seeks public comments.

The “Region 5 Broadband Planning Team” has been meeting regularly since last fall to create an action plan to address gaps in broadband availability and improve the adoption of available broadband services. The Region 5 Broadband Planning Team explored a number of proposals and options. The draft plan is designed to create and support technology leadership groups in counties with significant underserved populations.

The Team seeks public review and input on the current draft plan. The plan is available on-line at: <http://tinyurl.com/3ty7y2b>. For those who may not presently have Internet access, the plan can be reviewed by accessing the Internet at local libraries and other public locations throughout the region.



How to Comment: You can comment on the website, using the “Comment” button, or at <http://tinyurl.com/5vjhmp7>. You may also direct your comments to Christopher Larson at the PSC, via email christopher.larson@wisconsin.gov or via phone at (608) 267-9508.

For more information on team members and the process to date see our website at: <http://tinyurl.com/3wx9whp>. This planning effort is part of the PSC’s larger LinkWISCONSIN initiative, which includes mapping of broadband availability, under a federal stimulus grant. The broadband map is available at: <http://wi.linkamericadata.org/> Plans for other regions of the state will be available in the near future, and can be reviewed at <http://tinyurl.com/3t6l7hr>.

Questions on the draft plan can be addressed to Sam Perlman, Economic Development Manager, Door County Economic Development Corporation at (920) 743-3113 x 204. Questions on broadband mapping or the regional broadband planning process can be addressed to either Chris Larson with the PSC (contact info above) or Bill Gillis with LinkWISCONSIN via phone at (509) 432-4243 or e-mail at bill.gillis@gmail.com.

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