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Public Service Commission Now Accepting Applications for Broadband Expansion Grants for Fiscal Year 2014

[Madison, Wis.] - Today, the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin announced that they now accepting applications for Broadband Expansion Grants for Fiscal Year 2014.

This is a new grant program adopted for the first time in the recent state budget, 2013 Wis. Act 20. Under this authority, the Commission may award up to \$500,000 in grants during Fiscal Year 2014 to improve broadband communications services in Wisconsin.

"Broadband access is an instrumental part of our growing economy and our desire to stay connected," said Phil Montgomery, Chairperson of the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin. "These grants take a giant step toward helping increase broadband access statewide, and we encourage anyone interested in developing our state's broadband network to apply."

The Commission expects this grant program will provide a significant step toward addressing the demand for high speed Internet and IP-enabled telecommunications services in areas of the state that are currently unserved or have limited Internet provider options.

Applications are due March 21, 2014.

Application instructions and additional information may be found at:
<http://psc.wi.gov/utilityInfo/tele/broadband/grants/bbGrantJan2014.htm>.

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