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**Wisconsin State Broadband Office launches
High Speed Internet Access Demand Survey**

MADISON- The State Broadband Office at the Wisconsin Public Service Commission has announced the release of its High Speed Internet Access Demand Survey. Used as a tool to allow residents and businesses the opportunity to voice their need for improved internet access or service, the goal of the survey is to help state planners and policy makers better understand consumer demand for internet access in Wisconsin.

To complete the survey, please visit: www.psc.wi.gov/BroadbandSurvey.htm

Those unable to access the website may take the survey by calling, toll-free, (877)360-2973.

Governor Walker created the Broadband Expansion Grant program in 2013 and last year, he and the legislature tripled the amount of annual funding available through the program. To date, the program has awarded \$2.4 million and leveraged \$3.9 million in additional, private investment. The Public Service Commission will consider FY 2017 grant applications in August.

Earlier this summer, Governor Walker launched the Broadband Forward! Community Certification program to jump-start broadband expansion by eliminating obstacles to infrastructure improvements and streamlining the process for approving local broadband investment.

For more information about the survey, visit www.psc.wi.gov/BroadbandSurvey.htm

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