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PSC to Identify Statewide Broadband Usage and Needs *Seeks applicants for federal grants to conduct statewide survey to identify regional needs*

MADISON - Today the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) announced it is conducting a statewide broadband demand survey through the state Broadband Office. The survey, which will target individuals and businesses throughout the state, will help identify local needs as work continues on a plan to improve broadband availability and adoption in all corners of the state.

To conduct the demand surveys, the PSC is seeking companies and entities with experience in public surveys and data collection. The state Broadband Office has \$90,000 in federal funding is available through the state Broadband Office for qualified, participating entities in the form of grants.

A link to the grant application materials can be found under the "Hot Topics" heading on the PSC homepage, <http://psc.wi.gov/>. Applications for grants are due to the PSC by January 30, 2013 at 4 p.m.

The full grant application calendar of events is as follows:

DATE	EVENT
January 9, 2013	Date of issue of the application
January 16, 2013	Last day for submitting questions and requests for clarification
January 30, 2013	Applications due from applicants
February 25, 2013	Notification of award(s) sent to applicant(s)
March 1, 2013	Start date for grant award(s)

Interested businesses or organizations with questions on qualification standards or the grant process should contact State Broadband Director Tithi Chattopadhyay at 608-267-9138.

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