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The PSC has released a Draft Broadband Investment Plan for Region 1 *Now Accepting Public Comments*



MADISON - The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin appointed fourteen community leaders from the area to the Broadband Planning Team representing Northwest Wisconsin. The Team represents Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Sawyer, Taylor, and Washburn Counties. After considerable preliminary work, and numerous meetings, the Team has drafted a preliminary plan and seeks public comments.

The “Region 1 Broadband Planning Team” has been meeting regularly since last winter to create an action plan to address gaps in broadband availability and improve the adoption of available broadband services. The Region 1 Broadband Planning Team reflected a number of proposals and options. The draft plan is designed to enhance the regional economic development by utilizing broadband to expand healthcare access to the region.

The Team seeks public review and input on the current draft plan. The plan is available on-line at: www.link.wisconsin.gov. 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 in the region.



How to Comment: You may comment on the plan by going to <http://www.wisconsindashboard.org/node/288>, then click on “Comment”. You may also direct your comments to Pete Jahn at the PSC, via email at peter.jahn@wisconsin.gov, or via phone at (608) 267-2338.

For more information on Region 1 team members and the process to date see our website at: <http://www.link.wisconsin.gov/lwi/default.aspx?page=43>. 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://www.link.wisconsin.gov/lwi/default.aspx?page=52>.

Questions on the draft plan can be addressed to Cliff Grand, Ashland Area Development Corporation at (715) 682-8344, or William Kuykendall, Lac Courte Oreilles Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin at (715) 247-5612. Questions on the regional broadband planning efforts can be addressed via phone to either Pete Jahn with the PSC at (608) 267-2338 or Bill Gillis with LinkWisconsin at (509) 432-4243, or via e-mail at peter.jahn@wisconsin.gov or bill.gillis@gmail.com.

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