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## **BURNSVILLE INVITES GOOGLE FIBER NETWORK**

*City infrastructure could provide jump start for Fiber-to-the-Home Network*

What if your internet speeds suddenly increased by 100% and you had options for multiple providers at competitive prices?

Internet giant Google is scanning the nation for communities who want to partner with them in the construction of an open access fiber-to-the-home network. The effort will serve as real-life experiment which could impact the way broadband services are delivered across the nation. Burnsville will respond to Google's invitation by returning the favor – inviting them to partner with the city of the construction of a fiber-to-the-home network.

This is a significant opportunity for Burnsville and the city is prepared to make a strong business case to Google.

In 2009, the city completed a municipal fiber ring to serve as infrastructure for broadband providers with the intention of fostering improved broadband services for all. This factor alone lowers the cost and speeds up the time to market for network deployment. Burnsville's ideal size fits within Google's target of 50,000 to 500,000 and the city possesses a tech-savvy population with 8 out of 10 residents having access to "high speed" internet services. In addition, over 2200 businesses big and small and representing all sectors – including a vibrant medical sector – are proud to call Burnsville home. There is little doubt that marketplace factors and the city's progressive stance on broadband deployment would serve as benefits for fiber-to-the-home network providers, and ultimately the community.

Over the past several years, Burnsville has taken an active stance on broadband deployment and endorsed a partnership approach where city infrastructure can serve as a catalyst for improved quality of life broadband services within a competitive marketplace.

Burnsville will respond to Google's Request for Information (RFI) process by the Friday, March 26, 2010 deadline and encourages interested residents or business owners to show their support. Look for details on the [www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org) web site or on facebook how you can show your support.

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