Governor's Task Force on Broadband
TIES—Learning Center Conference Room
1667 Snelling Avenue N., St. Paul, MN 55108
February 14, 2012
10 AM – 2 PM

Task force members present: Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Gary Evans, Matt Grose, Maureen Ideker, Bernadine Joselyn, Steve Lewsader, Danna McKenzie, Daniel Richter, Andy Schriner (for Duane Ring), Bao Vang, Shirley Walz

Task force members participating by telephone: Keith Modglin, Steve Peterson, Dick Sjoberg

Members absent: Bob Bass (excused)

Others in attendance: Bill Hoffman, Diane Wells, Heather Rand, Dennis Fazio, Ann Treacy, Tony Mendoza, Tim Johnson, John Kaul, Mike Martin, Katie Topinka

I. Greetings and Introductions

Chair Anderson Kelliher called the meeting to order shortly after 10:00. Members and attendees introduced themselves. The Chair noted that the Senate Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications committee had requested an update on the Task Force at its hearing at 3:00 and she would be presenting along with Gary Evans and Shirley Walz and all Task Force members were invited to attend.

II. Minutes of January 24, 2012 Meeting

There was a motion by Gary Evans and second by Shirley Walz to approve the minutes from the January 24, 2012 meeting. Motion passed.

III. Public Comments

None.

IV. Presentation on "Broadband Adoption and People with Disabilities" by Mary Hartnett, Executive Director of the Commission for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Minnesotans and Jay Wyant, Chief Information Accessibility Officer, Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology

- Ms. Hartnett and Mr. Wyant provided their presentation and responded to Task Force member questions. The presentation is available at: The Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology's Presentation on Broadband Adoption and People with Disabilities

V. Meeting Locations for 2012/Creation of a Meeting Site and Logistics Subgroup

Task Force members suggested locations for the meeting dates in 2012. Bernadine Joselyn will chair the subgroup. That subgroup will come back with a list of locations by date. The March meeting will be held in Sauk Rapids (Benton County). The Task Force then began discussing the remaining subgroups and topics.

VI. Lunch

VII. Subgroups and Work Plan: Broadband Plan Outline

Task Force members signed up for their preferred subgroups and members participating by phone were asked to email in their top three ranked preferences for assignment to a subgroup.

VIII. Additional Public Comments

None.

IX. Other Business/Next Meeting Agenda

Shirley Walz indicated she has volunteers from her leadership group willing to work on broadband issues and asked if it would be appropriate for people outside the Task Force to assist in gathering information. The Chair indicated that some areas are more suited to this than others, such as identifying information like best practices and incentives. The Task Force agreed that this would be acceptable.

Motion to adjourn by Maureen Ideker, second by Bao Vang. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:50 p.m.