

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

March 10, 2010

No. 10-04

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING
BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (BTOP)
GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A
COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY NETWORK TO BENEFIT PUBLIC
INSTITUTIONS IN THE NORTH EAST TWIN CITIES METROPOLITAN
AREA.**

WHEREAS, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) agency has grants available for the deployment of broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the NTIA will award infrastructure grants focusing on middle mile broadband networks to benefit key community institutions including public safety; and

WHEREAS, the NTIA encourages the development of public/private partnerships in the application for these grants; and

WHEREAS, American Fiber Systems (AFS) seeks public support of their application to receive funding for deploying broadband infrastructure in the north east Twin Cities Metropolitan Area; and

WHEREAS, AFS will dedicate a portion of the infrastructure as a Community Fiber Network to benefit public institutions within the AFS service area as presented in the letter of intent; and

WHEREAS, additional applications for BTOP grants are being submitted by other agencies and private partners within the north east metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, supporting these efforts will encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service and to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity in the region.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Falcon Heights that:

The Falcon Heights City Council adopts this resolution supporting the grant application by American Fiber Systems for the development of a comprehensive community network to benefit public institutions in the north east Twin Cities metropolitan area; and BE IT FURTHER

Resolved that the Falcon Heights City Council authorizes the City Administrator to collaborate with other public entities participating in this grant application and to provide letters of support to other communities and agencies in Minnesota who are developing applications for funding to the NTIA or to the Rural Unification Services (RUS) for broadband projects to address unique needs of their communities.

Moved by: Harris

Approved by: Peter Lindstrom
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor
March 10, 2010

LINDSTROM 5 In Favor
GOSLINE
HARRIS 0 Against
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MERCER-TAYLOR

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Justin Miller
City Administrator
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