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Rochester Hills and Rochester Team Up to Attract Google™
Ultra-High Speed Network

Rochester Hills, MI- Following the recent announcement of an ultra-high speed broadband network by Google™, the Cities of Rochester and Rochester Hills have teamed up in a joint response to the Google Request for Information (RFI) in hopes of being one of the selected trial areas for this broadband service.

Google, one of the largest companies in technology, is searching for "test" communities in which to launch ultra-high speed broadband networks. The Google technology, named "Fiber for Communities", will deliver Internet speeds over 1 gigabit per second, which is more than 100 times faster than most broadband access today. The broadband access will feature fiber-to-home and business connections.

"This is an opportunity that will have tremendous benefits for residents, businesses and the community as a whole," states Mayor Bryan Barnett of Rochester Hills. "Google's investment in high-tech is a perfect match for our community."

Both city's have many assets to bring to the partnership, including Oakland University and Rochester College, a thriving healthcare system, and some of the best-performing schools in the state. Not to mention the many technology firms both large and small, and a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Mayor Jeffrey Cuthbertson of Rochester stated, "In Rochester and Rochester Hills, we are working hard to diversify and strengthen our community's economic base. A partnership with Google fiber would greatly assist the efforts of our two dynamic cities. We feel our region has strengths that set our application apart from others and we are excited to partner with Rochester Hills to continue to look for creative ways to make our community, and region, a better place to live and do business."

RFI responses are due by Friday, March 26th and the announcement of the winning test communities is expected later this year. There is no application fee associated with filling out the form and Google has indicated that it will not seek financial assistance from the winning community or communities.

For more information, contact Bob Grace, Director of MIS, City of Rochester Hills or Jaymes Vettrano, Rochester City Manager at (248) 841 -2475 or (248)651-9061, respectively. Details on the Google plans for broadband access can be obtained at <http://google.com/appserve/fiberrfi>.

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