**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**January 26, 2017**

**DEED—James J. Hill Conference Room**

**1st National Bank Building**

**332 Minnesota Street**

**St. Paul, MN 55101**

**9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Task Force Members present:** Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Kevin Hansen, Bernadine Joselyn, Steve Lewsader, Neela Mollgaard, Don Niles, Jody Reisch, Andy Schriner, Dick Sjoberg

**Task Force Members Participating by Telephone:** Hannah Buckland, Shannon Heim, Dan Richter

**Task Force Members Absent:** Denise Dittrich, Maureen Ideker, Paul Weirtz

**Others in attendance:** John Dukich, Danna MacKenzie, Bree Maki, Ann Treacy, Megan Verdeja, Diane Wells

1. **Welcome**

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Task Force members and those in the audience introduced themselves. The minutes of the December 15, 2016 meeting were approved. There were no public comments.

1. **Update from the Office of Broadband Development (OBD)**

Danna MacKenzie provided an update from the Office, including an overview of the recently announced grants from the 2016 appropriation. Forty-two projects were awarded funding. A map showing the location of awards granted in 2014, 2015 and 2016 was distributed. To date, OBD had presented at one legislative hearing. Task force members had questions about the challenge process and the $500,000 in grant funding that the Minnesota Department of Education awarded for school on buses/wifi projects. A summary of bill introductions impacting broadband was also provided.

1. **Planning for 2017**

The Task Force discussed topics, subcommittee structure and meeting locations.

1. **Legislative Panel**

Representatives Dave Baker and Sheldon Johnson provided comments to the Task Force on broadband items they are seeing as important to the legislature. They responded to questions from the Task Force.

1. **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:50 a.m.