**Governor’s Task Force on Broadband**

**January 29, 2021**

**10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Webex/Conference Call**

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**Task Force Members Present:** Teddy Bekele, Nolan Cauthen, Dale Cook, Steve Fenske, Steve Giorgi, Jason Hollinday, Yvonne Cariveau, Marc Johnson, Bernadine Joselyn, Brian Krambeer, Micah Myers, Theresa Sunde, Jim Weikum, Paul Weirtz, and Dave Wolf

**Task Force Members Absent:** None

**Others in Attendance:** Ryan Altman, Sonya Borgeson-Bethke, Deven Bowdry, Joe Buttweiler, Zach Cairns, Angie Dickison, Amanda Duerr, Jen Frost, Alexandra Henriquez, Zach Jacobs, Laura Kangas, Jon Kelly, Daniel Lightfoot, Jessica Schatz, Eileen Smith, Ann Treacy, Diane Wells, Melissa Wolf and Nathan Zacharias.

1. **Welcome, Task Force Introductions, Attendee Introductions and Approval of Minutes from December 18, 2020 Meeting**

Chair Bekele went over the agenda for the meeting. Roll call was taken. Members of the public attending the webex were able to introduce themselves. The minutes of the December 18, 2020 meeting were approved.

1. **Status of 2020 Annual Report**

Chair Bekele noted that there were no substantial changes from the draft at the December 18, 2020 meeting. The report was finalized and distributed electronically. He asked if there were any questions or comments. Yvonne Cariveau noted that she had reviewed for accessibility and commended the work that had been done to make the report accessible.

1. **Update from the Office of Broadband Development**

Angie Dickison and Diane Wells provided an update on the work of the Office, including an overview of the grant projects awarded with the FY21 funding. A copy of the slides used in the presentation is available at [OBD Presentation (mn.gov)](https://mn.gov/deed/assets/2021-01-29-bb-taskforce_tcm1045-467568.pptx).

1. **Focus for 2021**

The Task Force discussed topics and potential speakers for consideration in 2021.

1. **Task Force Organization**

The Task Force discussed retaining the subgroup structure but reformatting the names and topics each would cover. Ideas discussed will be captured and members can identify which subgroup they want to serve on prior to the next meeting.

1. **Public Comment, Other Business, October Meeting Plans, Wrap-up**

The Task Force had discussion of the Governor’s budget including a one-time $50 million proposal for the Border to Border broadband grant program. Chair Bekele mentioned that he would be presenting at the Blue Ribbon Council on IT on February 5 along with the Office of Broadband Development.

There were no public comments.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.