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Google Inc.
1600 Amphitheatre Parkway
Mountain View, CA 94043

Dear Project Manager, Fiber Experiment Google:

Heartland Visioning is a community-wide initiative to develop and implement a shared strategic vision for what we want our community to be in 5, 10 or 20 years. The vision was created for the community, by the community (over 6,000 people involved since the beginning) and is currently being implemented by the community. Our community is defined as Topeka and Shawnee County.

In 2008, the community identified strategies they would like to see implemented. The community said they wanted High Speed Communications to, "Provide globally competitive, state -of-the-art high speed communications for data, video and voice throughout the county (Infrastructure E.1, Strategic Plan)." Google's experimental fiber network would fulfill this strategy and provide the high-tech opportunities and technology for which our community is striving.

We believe Topeka would be the perfect place for Google's fiber experiment as communication technology has been on the forefront of the minds of citizens long before Google announced this great opportunity. Heartland Visioning is working to create a more progressive and forward-thinking community to meet our potential in this global economy. Therefore, Topeka is the perfect platform for Google to launch its experimental fiber network.

Heartland Visioning is in support of the fiber experiment coming to Topeka and Shawnee County, Kansas. Many of our Vision Partners such as Think Big Topeka, The Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce and GO Topeka are also in support of this project. We think this opportunity would maximize the quality of life and create a wide range of growth opportunities for our community.

We hope to have Google as a partner in our community, working with us to make our community-wide vision a reality.

Sincerely,

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