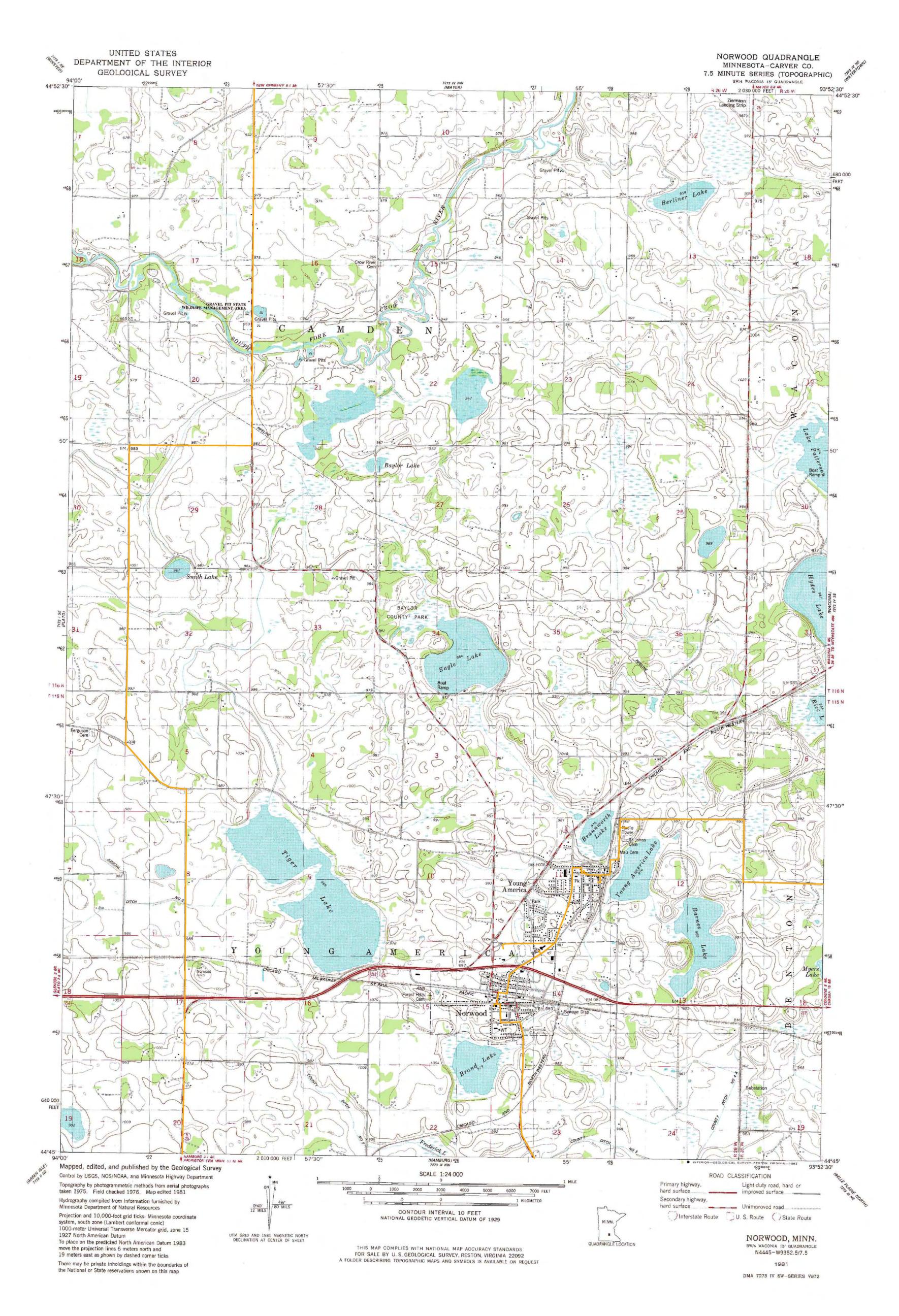
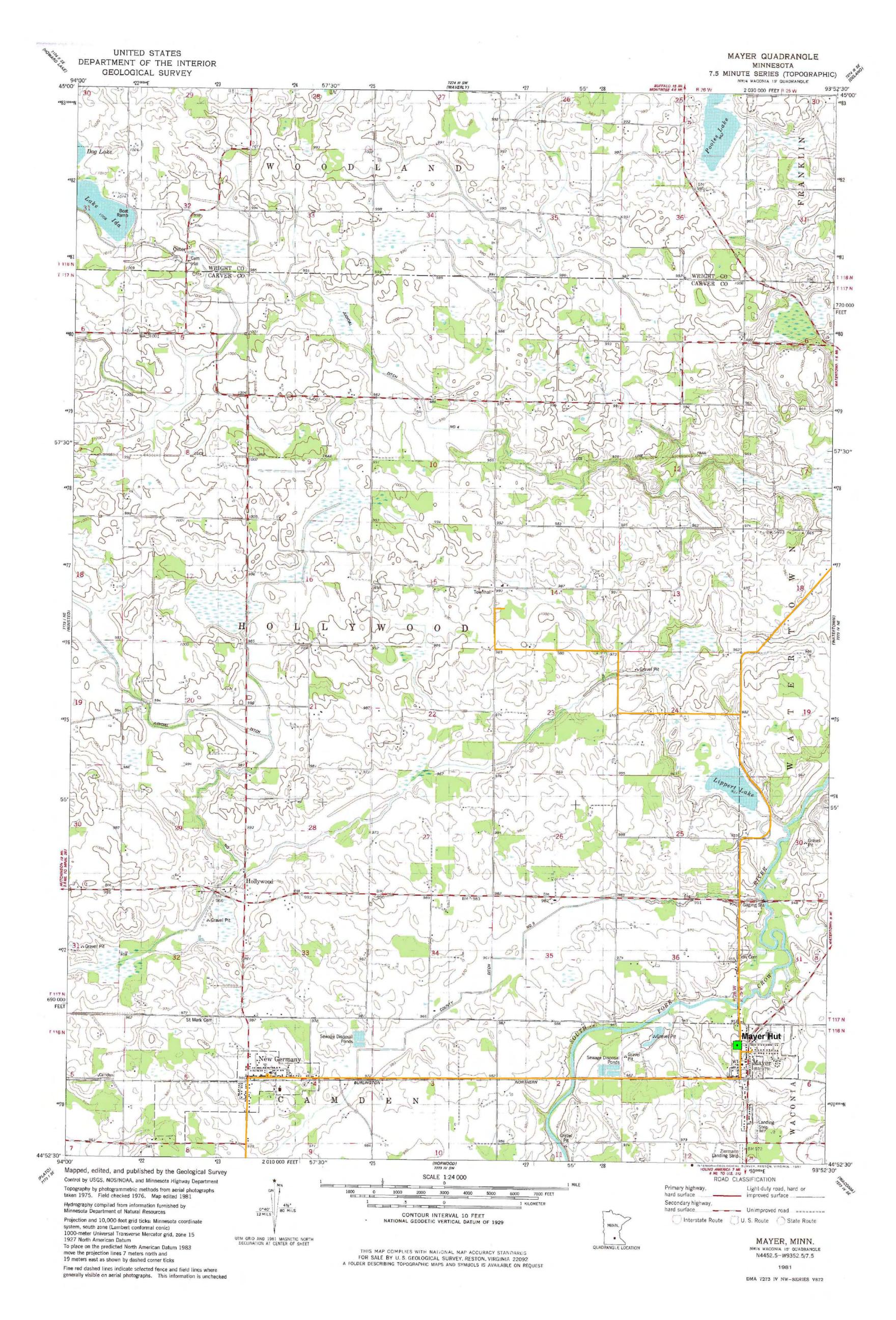
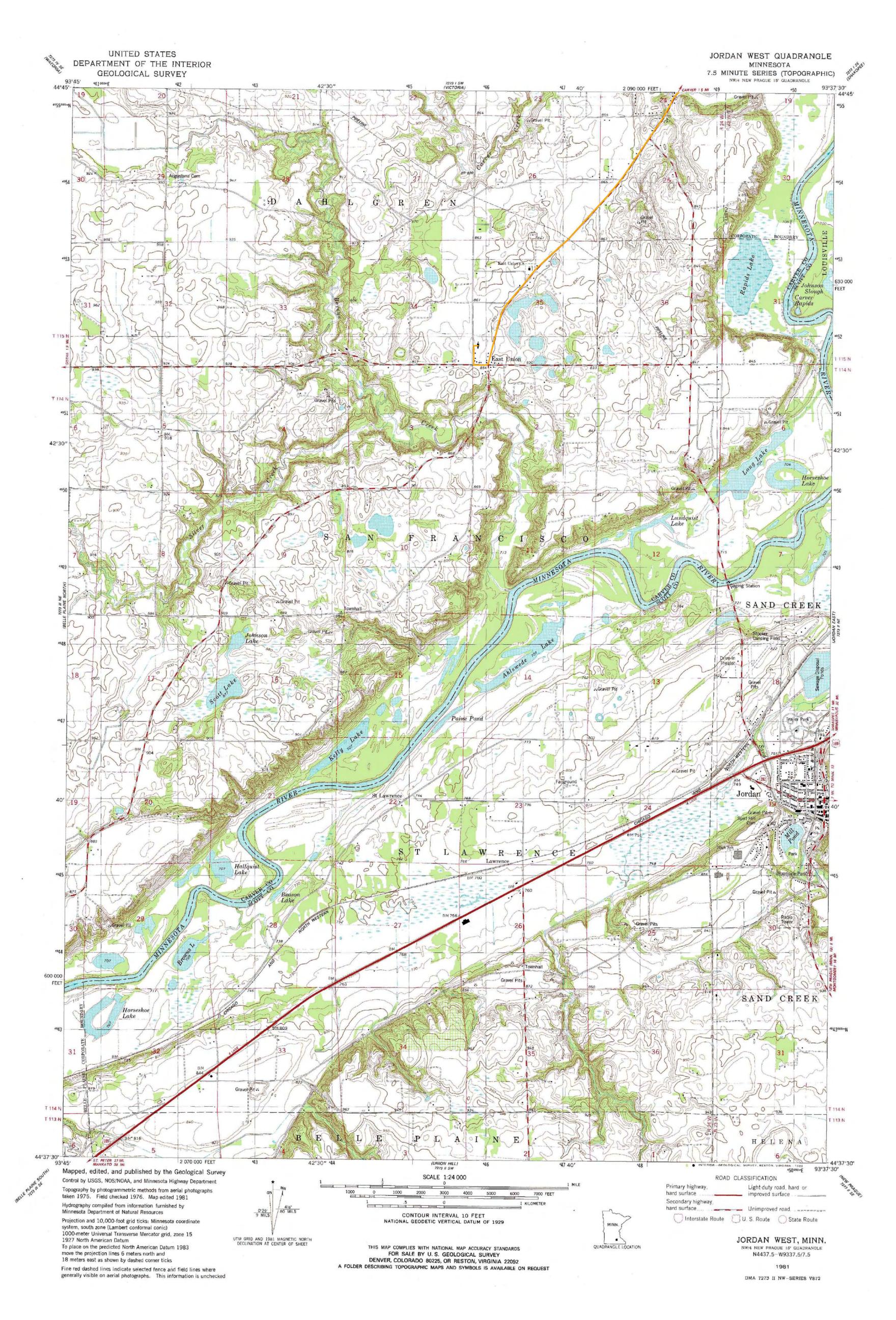
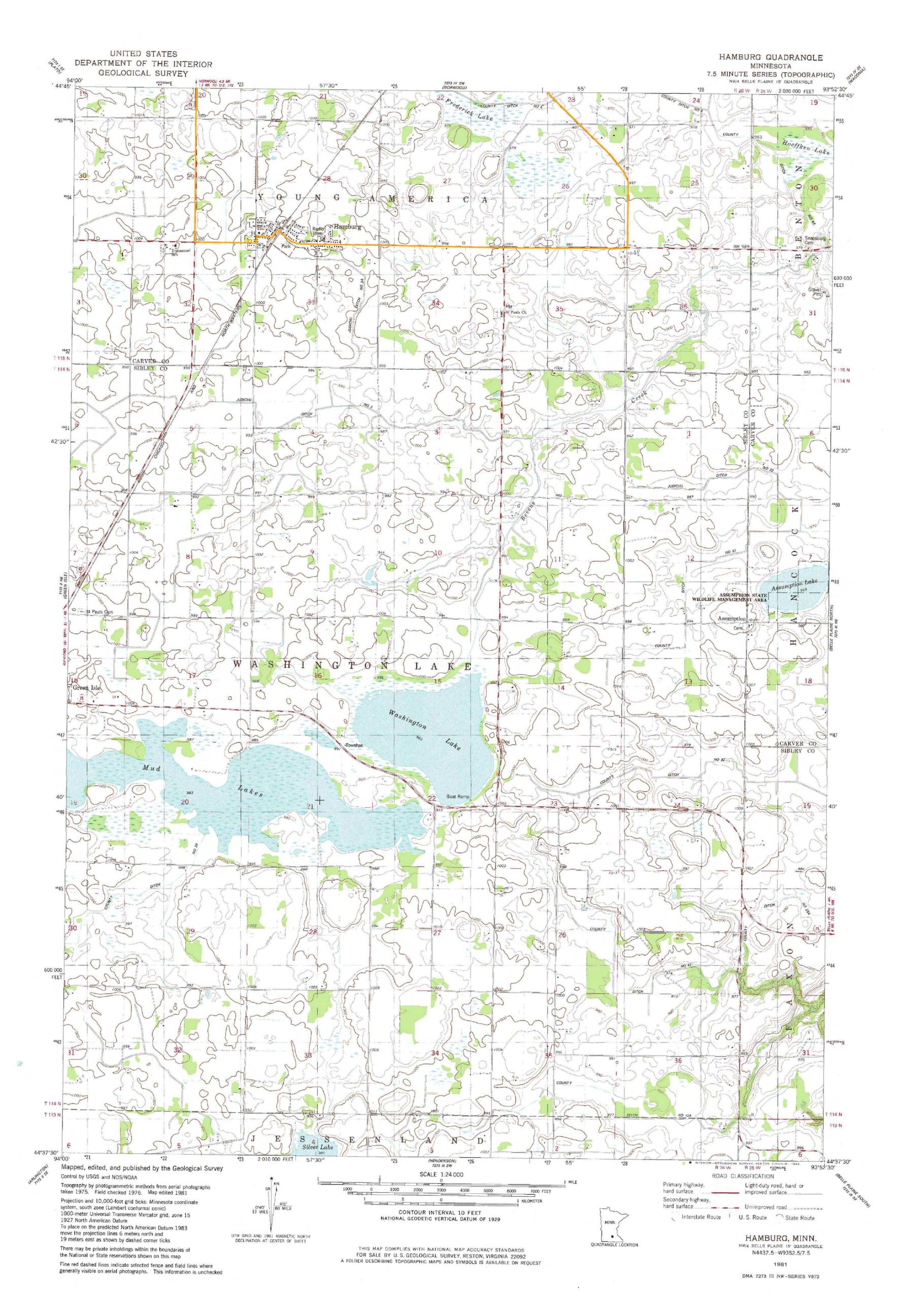
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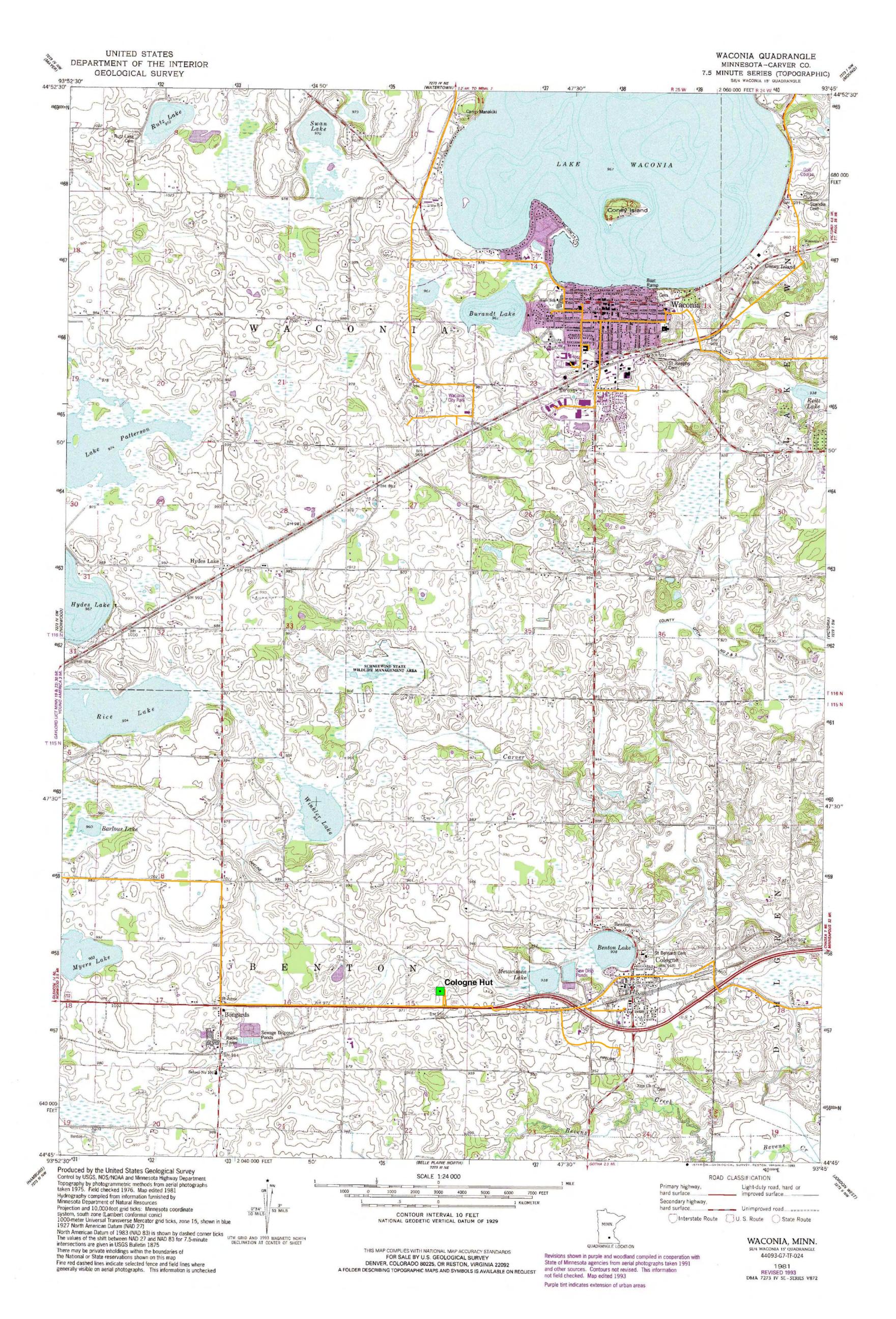












Carver County Open Fiber Initiative (CCOFI) Management Team and Organizational Chart

The Management Team for the fiber optic project starts at the top of the organization with County Administrator/CEO Mr. David Hemze. As the County Administrator, Mr. Hemze oversees the County's day to day operations including over 600 employees and \$100 million annual budget. He has over 20 years of senior management experience including a 15 year tenure at Carver County.

Mr. Dave Frischmon reports directly to Administrator Hemze and serves as the County's Finance Director. Mr. Frischmon has over 20 years of financial, administration and project management experience. He is a CPA and his expertise in financial leadership has earned the County a AAA bond rating. Mr. Frischmon and his staff have extensive experience in managing grants with the County receiving over \$4.5 million in federal grants in 2008 alone.

Mr. Steve Taylor is the Director of Administrative Services and also reports directly to Administrator Hemze. Mr. Taylor oversees multiple county operations including technology. He has been directly involved in many multi-million dollar capital projects.

Mr. Fazil Bhimani has been retained as a consultant by Carver County to assist the leadership team with technical requirements of the fiber project.

Ms. Rhonda Lynch reports to Mr. Taylor and is responsible for overseeing Carver County's Information Services (IS) Department. The Information Services Department includes 24.5 FTEs in Technical Services, GIS, Project Management, Central Services, Records Management, SharePoint and Website. Ms. Lynch has over 38 years of experience in technology and has spent the last 26 years building Carver County's technology infrastructure.

Mr. Randy Lehs is the Technical Services Supervisor at Carver County and reports to Ms. Lynch. He has 19 years of technology experience and currently oversees the county's technical services team.

DAVID J. HEMZE

OBJECTIVE:

Seeking a challenging executive-level position in a progressive public sector organization where employees take pride in their work, excellence is the goal, and high quality service to the public is vital.

EDUCATION:

M.A. in Public Administration from Hamline University (St. Paul, Minnesota) received May, 1990.

B.A. in Public Administration from St. Cloud State University (St. Cloud, Minnesota) received May, 1987.

EXPERIENCE:

County Administrator

Carver County, Administrator's Office (Interim January 2003 to April 2004; permanent April 2004 to Present)

- Manage the overall operation of over 600 employees under the direction of the County Board of Commissioners.
- · Directly supervise eight divisions.
- Oversee County finances including the preparation and implementation of a \$100 million annual budget.
- Serve as liaison between public and private agencies and the County.

Assistant County Administrator

Carver County, Administrator's Office (May 1995 to January 2003)

- Provided support to County Administrator and served as acting Administrator in that person's absence.
- · Supervised departments and individuals as assigned.
- Directed certain human resource responsibilities such as negotiating labor contracts and implementing a performance evaluation system.
- Managed special projects such as building and remodeling facilities and developing long-range strategic plans.

Assistant to the County Administrator

Stearns County, Administrator's Office (Aug. 1989 to May 1995)

- Provided support to County Administrator and Human Resources Director.
- Analyzed \$70 million budget and updated budget process.
- Participated in negotiations, developed policies, and performed other duties related to managing human resources.
- Coordinated special projects such as organizing a move of over 400 employees to new facilities and developing a comprehensive Community Corrections Plan.
- · Implemented and updated a strategic plan.

Budget Analyst

City of Minneapolis, Budget and Evaluation Office (Feb. 1989 to Aug. 1989)

- Provided support to Budget Director.
- Aided six departments in preparing budgets totaling over \$20 million.
- Recommended funding and programming that created efficient and effective services.

Labor Relations Assistant

City of Minneapolis, Human Resources Department (Sept. 1987 to Feb. 1989)

- Provided support to Labor Relations and Human Resources Directors.
- Analyzed personnel data, developed new pay structure, participated in negotiations, and performed other duties related to human resources.
- Chaired fifteen-member Employee Communications Committee.

Research Intern

City of St. Cloud, City Administrator's Office (June 1986 to Sept. 1987)

- Provided support to City Administrator.
- Analyzed various issues including licensing, civil service hiring, and computerized property appraisal.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Hamline University, St. Paul, Minnesota (2004 to Present), Adjunct Instructor.

 Teach graduate level public administration courses with city and county government emphasis.

ORGANIZATIONS:

- ICMA (International City/County Management Association), 1986 to Present.
- APMP (Association of Public Management Professionals), 1988 to Present. President, 1995 to 1996. Secretary, 1994 to 1995. Executive Board Member, 1992 to 1995.
- AMC (Association of Minnesota Counties), 1989 to Present.
- MCMA (Minnesota City/County Management Association), 1989 to Present.
- MICA (Metropolitan Inter-County Association), 1989 to Present.
- NACA (National Association of County Administrators), 1989 to Present.

REFERENCES:

Mr. David Twa
County Administrator
Contra Costa County
651 Pine Street, 11th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
925-335-1080

Mr. James Ische County Board of Commissioners, Chairperson Carver County 602 East 4th Street Chaska, Minnesota 55318 952-466-5851

Mr. Bill Joynes
Dean
School of Public Administration and Management
Hamline University
St. Paul, Minnesota 55104
651-523-2517

Mr. George Rindelaub County Administrator Stearns County Administrator's Office 705 Courthouse Square St. Cloud, Minnesota 56303 320-656-3601

David Frischmon

20+ years of diverse experience with government operations in the following areas:

- ◆ FINANCIAL:
 - Budgeting, Annual reporting, Year-end closing of books in preparation for an audit
 - Management Accounting Develop systems to measure performance and provide information to formulate strategy, make decisions and maintain control.
 - Miscellaneous: Bond Sales and Tax Increment/Abatement Financing
- ◆ <u>ADMINSTRATION</u>: Human resources, Union negotiations, Employee benefits, Insurance, Cable TV. Supervised personnel responsible for payroll, records retention, research, elections, ordinances, resolutions, assessments and agendas.
- PROJECT MANAGER: Develop and manage projects to address complex challenges.

POSITIONS:

- ◆ Director of Financial Services for Carver County, MN
- Owner of Frischmon Associates Consulting firm which assist small businesses and local governments achieve their goals by providing high-level managerial and financial services
- Director of Finance and Administration for City of Wayzata, MN
- Certified Public Accountant for Deloitte, Haskins and Sells specialized in auditing small businesses, non-profits, local governments and hospitals.

EDUCATION/PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS/VOLUNTEER:

- ♦ University of Minnesota B.S. in Accounting
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- ♦ MN Society of Certified Public Accountants: Former Chair of Government Accounting and Auditing Committee
- MN Government Finance Officers of America: Former At-Large Board of Director, Cochair of Conference Committee and Chair of Social Committee
- Campaign Treasurer: John Berns MN House Representative 33B
- ◆ BLSH Investment Club: President and Treasurer
- ◆ Asbury United Methodist Church: Treasurer
- ♦ Hennepin County Community Development Block Grant Review Committee
- ◆ Eden Prairie Schools Financial Advisory Committee

Steven H. Taylor

Executive Manager Resource Optimization... County Administration... Communications

An energetic and enthusiastic executive with expertise in a variety of high profile public agencies and suppliers; including the Carver County MN, City & County of Denver, the Department of Navy, and Lockheed-Martin. A Master of Public Administration degree combined with strong communications abilities, I possess the theoretical grounding and people skills to succeed. Awarded numerous Commendations and Letters of Appreciation, I have over 20 years of progressive success achieving and defending the organization's mission. My ability to wear a variety of "hats" uniquely positions me as a valuable contributor. I have established a reputation for delivering the highest quality results with the greatest efficiency while ensuring excellent customer service. My history demonstrates the consistent and successful application of five essential activities for success: Executive Leadership; Fiscally Sound Budget Development & Management; Resourceful Problem Solving; Strategic Vision & Tactical Planning; Sharply Honed Analytical Skills.

Career Overview

(2005-Present) As the Administrative Services Division Director with <u>Carver County</u>, participate as a member of the county executive team charged by the County Board with the overall management of the County which employs over 600 employees and is among the fastest growing in the state. Responsible for over 25% of the County's levy funded operating budget including Information and Facility Services, Library, and other departments, as well as management of several multi-million dollar capital improvement projects. Implement performance measurement processes into line departments to demonstrate results, ability to provide high quality services with reduced resources, provide county-wide policy recommendations involving complex issues, reorganize various operations to enhance efficiency, and coordinate and provide leadership on matters having interdepartmental application. Significant public interaction with elected officials, community groups, print and news media and stakeholders. Serve as acting County Administrator in the Administrator's absence.

(1999-2005) As the Director of Finance and Administration for the <u>Denver Public Library</u>, <u>CO</u> included formulating and directing practices and procedures in budget, finance, facilities, accounting, payroll, purchasing and other business matters through management of a staff of 100. Responsible for the preparation and monitoring of the Library's \$35+ million budget, evaluation of organizational effectiveness and implementing change based on citizen input and statistical data. I assisted the City Librarian in developing broad-based policy for consideration and formal adoption by the Library Commission. Prepared and delivered complex operational reports to elected City officials, Board of Trustees and senior staff to further the mission of the organization. Responsible for planning, construction support and maintenance of 800,000 s.f. of office space.

(1997-1999) As a Senior Budget & Management Analyst with the <u>City and County of Denver</u> I provided detailed oversight and fiscal management of approximately \$82 million in agency budgets. Analyzed activity costs as they affect agency work programs and service levels of City agencies and developed performance measures to ensure cost effective operations. Developed detailed accounting reports on expenditures and encumbrances against appropriations.

Accessorate, to a 45% or to 48.

Steven H. Taylor Page 2

(1992-1997) Promoted to **Program Manager** with <u>Douglas County Government</u>, I managed two county operating divisions for the fastest growing county in the nation. Responsible for budget development and implementation, proposal / bid analysis, policy development, contract administration and purchasing. I implemented the use of computer applications into the two divisions. Fiscal accountability included overseeing a \$2 million operating budget and a \$1 million of capital funds. Assistant project manager of a new \$45 million Justice Center.

Initially serving as a **Financial Analyst** for the county, I developed budgets and provided in-depth oversight for departmental budgets exceeding \$20 million. I monitored and evaluated capital and internal service funds, analyzed indirect costs, prepared and evaluated revenue producing programs, and ensured departmental budgets were not exceeded. Privatized several operations that were subsidized by general fund dollars.

(1989-1992) As Program Controls Manager with the <u>Department of Navy, Seawolf Submarine Program</u>, <u>Wash., DC</u> I successfully provided direct budget support, justification and analysis for an \$18.9 Billion submarine program, cost estimating, earned value analysis, budget evaluation, and cost / benefit analysis. I provided program cost, schedule, and control trend analyses to senior Navy Officials. Further, I developed a series of five- year alternative budgets for the program and briefed higher-ranking level management on various budgetary and program issues. I analyzed budgetary impacts of contractor initiated contract change orders.

(1986-1989) As a Project Manager with <u>Lockheed Datacom Systems Corporation</u>, I performed complete management and project administration of several state and local contracts.

Education/Training

I was awarded a Master of Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and Economics from the <u>George Washington University</u>. Other professional training has consisted of numerous seminars, conferences and workshops on a variety of financial management, budgeting, leadership, human resource, tax law, emergency management training (NIMS) and other subjects. Prior and present memberships include Government Finance Officer's Association, Chair of large Homeowner's Association, Minnesota Association of County Administrators, AMC, Minnesota City/County Management Association, MN Association of Public Management Professionals. Graduate of the Denver Metro Chamber of Commerce Leadership Denver Class of 2000. Served on the Board of Directors and Treasurer, Easter Seals of Colorado. ICMA Credentialed Manager Candidate.

Rhonda Lynch



I am an innovative and energetic professional with over 38 years of technology experience.

Education:

Associate Degree in Computer Science from La Crosse Wisconsin received in 1984.

Experience:

Carver County, Information Services Manager (2005 to Present); Information Services Director (1995 to 2005); Data Processing Coordinator (1984 to 1995)

- Manage the Information Services Department which includes 24.5 FTEs in Technical Services, GIS, Project Management, Central Services, Records Management, SharePoint and Website.
- o Administrate a \$4.6 million operating and capital budget.
- Oversee technology services provided to over 650 employees at 13 sites.

Maislin Trucking, Computer Operations Supervisor/Programming (1976 to 1982)

Supervisor of computer operations and development

National Car Rental, Data Processing Trainer/Applications alpha/beta tester (1972 to 1976)

- o Develop and implement training program for data processing department.
- o Test software applications for development teams.

Organizations:

Minnesota metro County IT Directors

Minnesota Counties Computer Cooperative, county Delegate

Minnesota Counties Information Technology Leaders Association, Chair 2009

RANDY L. LEHS

Professional Summary

I am a highly driven and skilled Information Technology and Business Management professional with over 19 years of leadership and proven experience integrating technology solutions based on industry and organizational business needs. I think innovatively and thrive in challenging, fast-paced environments where I am able to apply my experience of building, fostering and driving technology teams to success. I am a decisive and focused problem solver with strong analytical and critical thinking skills and robust interpersonal skills, foremost among them, the ability to listen, mentor, and provide guidance. I lead with integrity and honesty and I am a consistent high performer. I have a proven successful track record for developing and leading effective teams that improve operations, stabilize systems and enhance functionality and performance as well as building a strong and cohesive team. I interface at all levels within an organization, from administrative to executive level teams. My successes include founding, managing, and developing a business technology company and most recently, managing the infrastructure team that administers and operates the technology solutions for the Twin Cities Metro county of Carver County, MN.

Employment Experience

CARVER COUNTY

Technical Services Supervisor

Chaska, MN 2007 - Present

- Management of County IT infrastructure, telephony and support unit that administers
 technology for 650+ users in 13 locations. Environment includes 100 physical and virtual
 Microsoft Windows Servers including AS/400, over 1000 desktops and laptops, 85 work
 group and desktop printers and 25 work group and desktop copiers with VMware and Citrix
 solutions in a IBM Blade Center Server, Netapp Storage, Cisco switching and Mitel PBX
 environment.
- Direct the 24/7 support of technology operations including 911 Dispatch Call Center, Public
 Works Operations, Public Health On Call Readiness and the County Emergency Operations
 Center. Oversee security systems that apply HIPAA Compliance along with meeting other
 State and Federal regulatory security requirements for governmental compliance.
- Leading efforts in a \$4.5 million dollar project to implement an 85 mile fiber optic ring throughout Carver County.
- Technology Manager for the building expansion project of Carver County; managed planning, design and implementation of all technology related to approximately \$10 million of new buildings and remodeled spaces.
- · Managed and developed a solid disaster recovery plan.
- Implemented desktop standards for the users of Carver County.
- Managed a 35% increase in user technology capacity in Carver County library system.
- Implemented enterprise technology components of Windows 2008 Server, Office 2007, Exchange 2008, BlackBerry Exchange Server 5.0, WebSense Web Filtering, OnBase, SQL 2008 and SharePoint.
- Implemented cost-saving mobile phone plan throughout Carver County, which gained a \$20K
 ROI within first year.

SKILLS

- 17 yrs Director and Senior Level Management
- 19 yrs Product Training
- 17 yrs Project Management
- 17 yrs Technical Consulting

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE

- Direct Experience with Technology and Infrastructure
- Team Leadership and Mentoring
- Timeline Accountability
- ITIL Understanding
- Business Development and Reporting Account Management Implementation
- Technology Consultation
- Product Technology Solutions
- Project Management
- Strong Presentation Delivery
- Contract Negotiations
- P&L Accountability
- Data Analysis

SOFTWARE

Microsoft Business Productivity
Software: MS Project, Word, Excel,
Visio, Outlook, Business Accounting
Software: QuickBooks, Peachtree
Operating Systems: Windows 98,
2000, XP, Vista, Windows Server
Infrastructure: Knowledge and
understanding of fundamental server,
networking and communication
backbone as it relates to technology
services and operations.

EDUCATION

University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa B.A., Business emphasis, 1991

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

1/00 – 2/07: City of Le Center (Le-Center.com) Webmaster
1/02 – 1/04: Le Center/Cordova
United Way Chairman
8/98-3/03: Le Center Planning and
Zoning Commission Board Member
12/99-12/00: Le Center Chamber of
Commerce President
12/97-12/99: Le Center Chamber of
Commerce Board Member

AFFORDABLE BUSINESS PRODUCTS

President/Technical Services and Sales Director

Le Center, MN 1995 - 2007

- Founder and President/CEO of business technology company directing all operations of two business locations along with managing technical and administrative staff
- Project management, leadership, and mentoring to 100+ businesses around small business technology implementation, software distribution, end user computing, enterprise architecture, web technologies, strategic planning, and process development:
 - Directed and facilitated requirements definition and RFP process and equipment/software acquisition
 - Defined, planned and maintained project scope, schedule and resource efforts
 - o Managed implementations, upgrades and ongoing operations
 - Directed operational technical support efforts
- Developed and maintained consultative business-to-business relationships and sales for 100+ business clients; relationship selling
 of capital equipment as well as commodity and intellectual products with gross sales over \$650,000 annually

Consulting Initiatives (Affordable Business Products) - 1995-2007

Hwy Ag (Le Center, Morristown, Le Sueur)

Le Center, MN 2004-2006

Hwy Ag is a \$30 million, 3 location agri-business. I performed due diligence and led the implementation around a technology strategic plan and budget for a \$30 million dollar, 3-location cooperative. I consolidated and streamlined the technological efforts around network, data maintenance, security and ongoing operations from ten outsourcing IT providers to three. I directed the work around upgrading the enterprise-wide technology infrastructure from an 8-year old obsolete system to an up-to-date infrastructure with maintenance, security and backup procedures. The upgrade was inclusive to the entire network structure, AS400 upgrades, and all desktop PC's.

First State Bank

Le Center, MN/Henderson, MN 1995-2005

First State Bank is a \$100 million loan banking institution. Their primary facility in Le Center began a multi-year project of upgrading their entire technology network. I developed a project plan that allowed for a systematic implementation that enabled a smooth transition for the business and the end users. As the organization implemented new systems, I worked with the stakeholders to strategically plan their budget around regular system maintenance, upgrades, and to develop future technology plans. As they rolled out a second facility in Henderson, I was vital in managing the entire build out, including designing and installing their network and technology infrastructure, designing the furniture layout and managing the installation of all utilities and furniture. I worked regularly with 3rd party federal banking regulatory vendors to integrate, implement and maintain banking guidelines, security and procedures. I transitioned the infrastructure to an operational status and reviewed, maintained and upgraded all internal banking software at both locations.

First National Bank

Le Center, MN 2000-2004

First National Bank is a \$100 million loan banking institution. I completed an assessment of their current network technology and from this, developed a recommendation and project plan to upgrade the infrastructure from their old token ring network to a new 10/100 network. I managed the upgrade and also began a multi year plan to upgrade the end user desktops. Once complete, I transitioned the infrastructure to an operational status with regularly scheduled maintenance and upgrades. I worked with 3rd party federal banking regulatory vendors to integrate, implement and maintain banking guidelines, security and procedures. I managed all technology operations around reviewing, maintaining and upgrading all their internal banking software.

City of Le Center

Le Center, MN 1996-2004

Le Center is a 2,200 population municipality and county seat of Le Sueur County. I was the outsourced technology manager for all city departments, including the city office, the sewer plant, maintenance, the liquor store, the police, fire and ambulance. Over an eight year period I took their technology infrastructure and worked to integrate all departments together to allow for the sharing of software and data. Other aspects of the job included data security confidentiality and compliance, RFP and software selection of city billing management software, along with the implementation and end user training, and operations around ongoing maintenance, upgrades and technology planning.

Central Health Care

Le Center, MN 1999-2005

Central Health Care is a 100 bed nursing home facility. Initially, an assessment was completed of the infrastructure and overall technology. I recommended, planned, and implemented an updated infrastructure. I was contracted over a six year period to manage the infrastructure, including ongoing maintenance, upgrades, and technology planning. I was involved with establishing a

security plan, policy, and guidelines around HIPAA, as well as implementing security measures relative to information technology and other private and confidential data. One of many projects I worked on was to work with a variety of 3rd party vendors to integrate and implement their payment processing systems that ran through Medicare, the State of Minnesota, and numerous insurance providers.

Factor Motors

Le Center, MN 2002-2006

Factor Motors is a \$20 million auto dealership. I was outsourced to assume the role of technology manager for Factor Motors. I was responsible for managing the infrastructure, and any projects relative to the infrastructure and desktop environment. I managed the upgrade of the network to a more robust and newer platform, and worked with Ford Motors to migrate from the current mainframe application to a web-based application. This project included analyzing the current state layout, security, and processes, and then the development of the future layout, security and processes. Additionally, I was responsible for any hardware upgrades to diagnostic equipment used by the automotive technicians, which included integrating into the overall infrastructure, and the associated software applications, and technician training.

Busch Brothers New Prague, MN 2000-2007

Busch Brothers is a \$20 million CNC manufacturing company. I was outsourced to provide technology management services. After doing an initial assessment on their current state, I developed a technology plan that included adding more resources, upgrading the infrastructure, and refining and improving business process to increase productivity, efficiencies, and overall profitability. Once the infrastructure upgrade was completed, I developed a long-term technology and operations plan to facilitate the growing business. Ongoing information technology operations were also directed by me.

ABC Services Le Center, MN 2001-2006

ABC Services is a \$3 million dollar credit and background check provider. I was brought in to provide technical management services around the current infrastructure. Upon the completion of a technology assessment, I recommended the customer upgrade their infrastructure. A plan and timeline were developed, and I managed the overall upgrade of the infrastructure. Additionally, they purchased new space and required project management around developing the space. Once the design work was complete, under a tight timeline, I managed the build out, including working with all utility and technology vendors to ensure an accurate setup that would promote business productivity. I was able to facilitate the successful build out and move of ABC Services.

Holicky Brothers Trucking

Le Center, MN 2005-2006

Holicky Brothers Trucking is a \$10 million trucking company. This customer was looking for a project manager to facilitate a successful build out of their new office location. I functioned as the project manager in all aspects of the build out, including layout, design and technical and utility specifications. In addition to the build out, I also reviewed their existing business practices and procedures, and re-engineered process to create efficiencies that allowed them to eliminate staff and increase profitability.

Ridges at Sand Creek

Jordan, MN 2005-2006

Ridges at Sand Creek is a golf course rated #1 in Twin Cities Golf Guide and was nominated as "Best New Course" by Golf Digest in 2001. I was brought in to complete an install that was in a critical status, and was being done by another vendor. Although the install was to be a minor upgrade, my systems analysis pointed to other system-wide issues that were caused by old technology, incorrect maintenance processes and poorly performed installations. I initially provided an interim solution that would allow the business and the end users to operate without much disruption. I developed a strategic plan that was reviewed with the management. The plan included walking through the current issues followed by a proposal that would include process and technology improvements. I managed the overall implementation within an extremely short time-frame. Additionally, I worked with their third party software vendor, Fore Reservations, to enhance the "TeeItUp" software at Ridges at Sand Creek, and I facilitated the development of a software enhancement that was implemented in their next version.

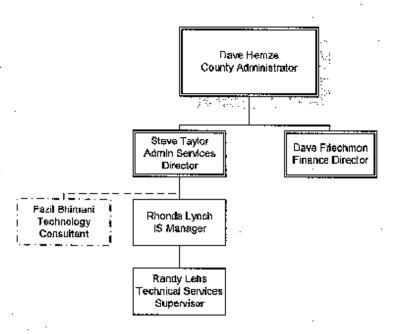
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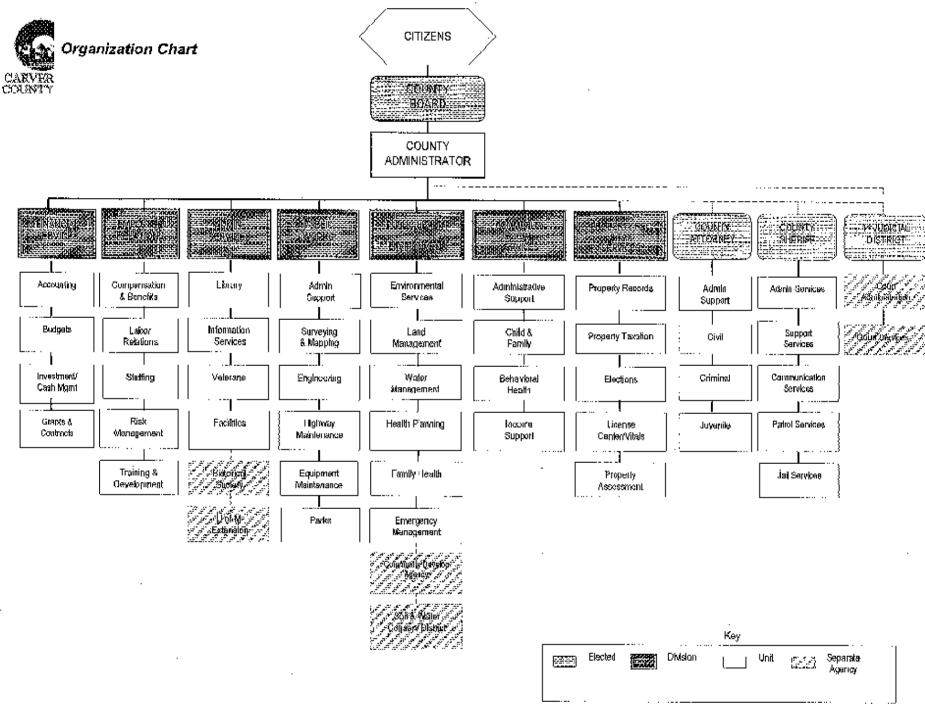
Sales Representative (Outside Sales)

Le Center, MN 1992 - 1996

- Initiated direct business-to-business outside sales of storm and sanitary sewer systems for nation's largest manufacturer of high
 density polyethylene pipe products.
- Spearheaded territory expansion from \$500,000 to \$2 million in first 6 months; nurtured sales to \$3 million.
- Envisioned, created and implemented key technology solutions in territory that were adopted for company wide use; one solution increased sales of our most profitable product by over 30%.
- Clientele of 250 included contractors and municipalities in territory covering entire state of MN.
 Maintained and advanced extensive understanding of techniques, regulations and standards including ASTM, to develop educational sales approach to build rapport with city engineers and other decision makers.

Carver County Fiber Optic Leadership







SUMMARY

Continuously involved in the telecommunications industry since 1972 yielding 38 years of industry experience. Past and present areas of responsibility include all areas of engineering, regulatory, legislative, finance and system support.

EXPERIENCE

President, Joseph D. Fail Engineering Co., Inc. and T2C2, Inc. 2003-Present

- Provide overall direction and management to Joseph D. Fail Engineering Co., Inc., a telecommunications engineering firm in business since 1967. Also, provide overall direction and management to T2C2, Inc., a software development company in business since 1989.
- Following are examples of specific "Broadband" related projects I have been involved with in the past few years:
 - NTS Telephone Company, LLC-application preparation, submission and implementation of a \$12M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FFTH technologies to provide broadband, voice, data and video services, including fiber construction, in rural TX.
 - > TEC, Inc.-overall management responsibilities associated with \$3.0M of outside plant construction projects including FITH and FITP for ILEC's in AL, MS and TN during budget year 2009.
 - > Jaguar Communications- application preparation, submission and implementation of a \$17M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FTTH, xDSL, and wireless technologies to provide broadband, voice, data and video services, including fiber construction, throughout rural MN.
 - Jaguar Communications- application, submission and implementation of a \$4.6M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FTTH, xDSL, and wireless technologies to provide broadband, voice, data and video services, including fiber construction. throughout several counties in rural MN.
 - Dixie-Nct Fiber, Inc.- Preparation and implementation of a design change associated with a \$4.8M RUS Broadband Pilot Loan Project utilizing wireless broadband technology to provide high-speed data and VOIP to rural MS.
 - PRIDE Network-Successful preparation and submission and of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of a \$44.5M FTTP and wireless broadband project in the state of TX.
 - PRIDE Network-Successful preparation and submission and of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of a \$19.1M FTTP and wireless broadband project in the rural communities of Burke-Burnett and Iowa Park, TX.
 - Bay Springs Telephone Company-Successful creation and submission of a round one AARA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of an \$8.4M FTTP project in the state of MS.

Vice President/Director/Manager

1987-2003

Held Vice President, manager and director level positions covering the areas of capital recovery, land and buildings engineering, revenue requirement. IntraState and

InterState tariff filings, finance, traffic studies, operator services, expense and capital budgeting, planning, engineering and construction (COE, OSP, land and buildings), inventory management, system support (mechanized assignment and record keeping and engineering systems), regulatory and legislative.

Consultant, Coopers and Lybrand Utility Regulated Services Division

1986-1987

 Provided consulting services to regulated utilities in the areas of capital deployment, capital recovery, plant engineering and continuing property records systems.

Consultant, Cottrell & House

1981-1986

 Consulting Engineer (Vice President) responsible for the areas of capital recovery, interactive graphics, broadband engineering (CATV and cellular systems) and mechanized record keeping/physical inventory.

Manager -Engineer, United Telephone Co.

1979-1981

 Worked in the areas of capital recovery and plant engineering for the Midwest Group States (MO, KS, NE, IA, and MN).

Missouri Public Service Commission Staff, Manager

1972-1979

 Covered the areas of utility engineering, capital recovery, allocation of utility plant and capital deployment (telecommunications, electric, gas, and water).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

 I have presented testimony in over 100 rate proceedings, in over 25 states, addressing many of the aforementioned areas of expertise/involvement.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Engineering, University of Missouri at Rolla, 1972 MBA in Finance, Middle Tennessee State University, 1983 Registered Professional Engineer/consultant since 1978 (by exam) current license



Summary

Telecommunications professional with over 18 years of experience in all aspects of engineering, service, support and operations associated with broadband voice, data and video networks. Strong leadership, project management, personnel management, and technical team building skills combined with a detailed understanding of public and private networks provide a well rounded background that can be relied upon to bring success to any organization.

Experience

May 2004 - Present

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc.

Bay Springs, MS

Vice President, Inside Plant & Broadband Engineering

- Manage and direct the Inside Plant Engineering Department's Consultants as Engineering Services are provided to clients in association with wireline and wireless communications networks inclusive of the following, as well as, many similar projects:
 - Jaguar Communications application, submission and subsequent implementation of a ~\$17M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FTTH, xDSL and wireless technologies to provide broadband voice, data and video services, including the construction of _____ miles of fiber construction, throughout counties in rural MN.
 - Jaguar Communications application, submission and subsequent implementation of a ~4.6M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FTTH, xDSL and wireless technologies to provide broadband voice, data and video services, including the construction of ____ miles of fiber construction, throughout ___ counties in rural MN.
 - NTS Telephone Company, LLC application, submission and subsequent implementation of a ~12M RUS Broadband Loan project utilizing FTTH technologies to provide broadband voice, data and video services, including the construction of _____ miles of fiber construction, in rural TX.
 - Dixie-Net Fiber, Inc. Creation and implementation of a system design change associated with a ~4.8M RUS Broadband Pilot Loan project utilizing wireless broadband technology to provide high-speed data and VOIP to rural MS.
 - TEC, Inc. Scheduling and project management responsibilities associated with \$2.8M of outside plant construction projects including FTTH and FTTP across six rural Independent Operating Companies within the 3 states of AL, MS and TN during budget year 2009. Companies included are: Bay Springs Telephone Company, Crockett Telephone Company, National Telephone Company, Peoples Telephone Company, Roanoke Telephone Company, and West Tennessee Telephone company.
 - PRIDE Network Successful creation and submission and of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of an -44.5\$M FTTP and wireless broadband project consisting of _ miles of fiber construction to serve approx. _ unserved and underserved subscribers in the state of TX.
 - PRIDE Network Successful creation and submission and of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of a approx 19.15M FTTP and wireless broadband project consisting of _ miles of fiber construction to serve approx. _ unserved and underserved subscribers in the rural communities of Burke-Burnett and Iowa Park, TX.
 - Bay Springs Telephone company Successful creation and submission and of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of a approx 8.4\$M FTTP project consisting of _ miles of fiber construction to serve approx. _ unserved and underserved subscribers in the state of MS.

- Apply leadership and project management skills to ensure that all client Engineering projects are completed in a high quality fashion and are on schedule and within budget limits.
- Responsible for expanding departmental staffing and conducting the necessary training to provide engineering services associated with client application to and participation in USDA Rural Utility Service (RUS) loan and grant programs. Including acting as a liaison between the client's staff and government personnel, preparation of loan applications, administration of bids and contracts and inspection of jobs to ensure compliance to RUS standards.
- Assist clients in preparation of annual capital expense and Engineering budgets.
- Responsible for corporate IT staff, equipment and operations.
- Provide strategic planning, network design and product selection services to clients during
 network migration and expansion projects including host-remote switching, fiber to the
 home/premise build-outs, TDM to Softswitch "cap & grow", optical network development,
 CATV upgrades to double and triple play platforms, wireless voice, wireless broadband and
 numerous other technologies.
- Central Office Switch design including software applications as well as all types of copper, fiber and microwave transmission systems.
- New customer acquisition and business development activities with existing clients.

Jun 2002-April 2004

Telwave Communications

Aventura, FL

Director of Technology

- Developing and implementing technical solutions to address the business communication and networking goals of customers.
- Product specification, evaluation and selection for all corporate and customer projects.
- Budget control and project management.
- Responsible for all technical personnel recruitment, hiring and training, including management
 of all contract labor and outsource initiatives.
- New project validation including feasibility and economic studies as well as the preparation and presentation of Technical Project Presentations to customers, business partners and potential investors.
- Negotiation of all outside service agreements and contracts with third party vendors and service providers.

Mar 1999-May 2002

CopperCom

Boca Raton, FL

Director of Customer Support

- Direction of a Nationwide Customer Service, Technical Support, Training and Installation Department, consisting of distributed Technical Assistance Centers, Web Based Knowledge Banks, Regional Field Engineers and Centralized Call Center personnel.
- Implementation of standardized Product Support and Trouble Reporting procedures (RQMS, TL9000) and CRM Systems.
- Planning, budgeting and execution of roll-out plans for new product introduction related to integrated voice and data systems manufactured by CopperCom, including the installation and turn-up of over 100 Softswitch systems.
- Managing member of Engineering Change Order Release Board and the Corporate Pricing Committee. Management of all interaction, contract negotiation, support, cost accounting and scheduling associated with third party vendors and service providers.
- Administration and inventory control for all customer warranty programs including advance
 equipment replacement, repair and return, scheduled maintenance, software/hardware release
 and revision control and system upgrades and expansions.
- Customer dispute resolution and crisis management including serving as technical expert for corporate legal team in any product related litigation.
- Human resource management including; recruiting, coaching and motivating employees, product training and certification programs and the development of team leaders, unit managers and functional supervisors.
- Creation of individual, team and departmental performance goals, conducting personnel

Mar 1997-Feb 1999

DTI Networks

Coconut Creek, FL

Director of Technical Services

- Responsible for recruiting, staffing, training, budgeting and financial planning associated with
 pre and post sales Product Support and Quality Control for all switching system product lines.
- Developed and implemented 7X24 Disaster Recovery Procedures including emergency inventory and logistics.
- Worked with design engineers and manufacturing personnel to ensure product quality related to product enhancements and modifications of Class 4, Class 5 and E911 switching systems.
- Instituted Regional Technician Placement to provide rapid response onsite support.
- Chaired Critical Customer Support Issue meetings with Executive Management.
- Expanded onsite support and consulting services to generate additional revenue.
- Provided technical specifications and product configurations in response to customer RFI, RFP and RFQ.
- Implemented Service Order Tracking software to reduce customer disputes, improve turnaround time and increase collections.
- Reduced installation costs by 20% and improved new customer relations by developing strict pre-installation requirements and site survey processes.
- Out-sourced equipment installation activities to reduce expense and increase customer response time as well as volume capacity.
- Reduced recruiting costs by utilizing Engineering Placement Companies.

Apr 1996-Feb 1997

Digital Telecommunications, Inc.

Jackson, TN

Technical Training Manager

- Worked directly with design engineers, production engineers and managers to create technical product documentation and training materials for all manufactured switching products.
- Responsible for the administration of training and certification programs for internal personnel and customer technicians.
- Redesigned and updated training facilities to include new product lines and increase student capacity.
- Expanded the size and frequency of technical training classes to generate 300 % more revenue and dramatically improve customer satisfaction.

Oct 1991-Apr 1996

MidCom Communications

Jackson, TN

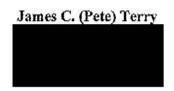
MIS Manager

- Responsible for all Operations associated with a nationwide facility based Voice and Data Network. Increased overall efficiency and reduced costs and increased revenues by automating all electronic provisioning and error monitoring tasks.
- Responsible for Quality Assurance and Product Improvement associated with co-located equipment manufacturing facility.
- Managed third party reseller and wholesaler support and billing.
- Administered commissions and contracts for outside sales agents and distributors.
- Project Management for development, testing and implementation of a highly customized Provisioning, Billing and Customer Care application software package.
- Managed all corporate IT networks and systems including hardware/software selection, implementation, maintenance and upgrade.
- Planned and executed the consolidation of operations from the Jackson, TN manufacturing facility into corporate headquarters in Seattle, WA within budget and without impacting cash flow.

Education

University of Alabama

Tuscaloosa, AL



Summary

Telecommunications professional who has worked for more than 40 years as a consultant for engineering and project management services. Mr. Terry has been involved in all phases of outside plant design and construction. His expertise includes right-of-way acquisition, staking, and inspection. He is familiar with copper and fiber design as well as the requirements for proper installation and testing. He has supervised construction projects in numerous locations across the United States.

Experience

1989 - Present

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc. Vice President - Outside Plant **Bay Springs, MS**

 Mr. Terry provides leadership and direction to a team of field engineers working in multiple states performing staking, right-of-way acquisition, and inspection work.

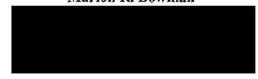
1969 to 1988

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc. Various hourly and management positions Bay Springs, MS

 Mr. Terry began his career as an hourly employee performing basic field employee tasks. He advanced through various positions to reach the position of Vice President - Outside Plant

Education

Marion R. Bowman



Summary

Telecommunications professional who has served for more than 50 years as a consultant for engineering and project management services. Mr. Bowman is currently a licensed professional engineer (PE) in twenty-nine (29) states in the USA and three additional states pending based on applications filed.

Mr. Bowman has designed FTTH and FTTP projects as well as hybrid fiber/coax projects and managed these designs through specification, building, construction, testing, closeout, and implementation while actually involving himself in the field inspection and testing where appropriate. His knowledge of the electronics associated with the entire communication industry is full in both switching and all types of outside plant and field mounted electronics/photonics.

Mr. Bowman is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the Tennessee Society of Professional Engineers, the Professional Engineers in Private Practice, and the Independent Telephone Pioneer Association and also an active member of the Association of Communication Engineers and many other trade associations.

Experience

2004 - Present

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc.

Bay Springs, MS

Senior Engineer

 Senior Engineer over all operations with emphasis on developing broadband activities. Involved in multiple broadband loan projects including the application preparation and engineering certification through finalization and PE approval of the projects.

1986 to 2003

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc.

Bay Springs, MS

President, CEO

 Responsible for all engineering services and operations of Joseph D. Fail Engineering, a telecommunications professional engineering consulting company.

1983 to 1986

Cottrell & House, Inc.

Nashville, TN

President, CEO & Chairman of Board of Directors

Supervised all engineering services and operations of Cottrell & House, Inc.

1981-1983

Cottrell & House, Inc.

Vice President, Corporate Secretary and Board Member

 Vice President in charge of engineering services and operations at Cottrell House, Inc. and Telephone Engineering Services

Cottrell & House, Inc.

Nashville, TN

1968 - 1980

Various Senior Management level positions

Served as secretary of Board of Directors, Chief Engineer, Board member and Vice President

Cottrell & House, Inc. 1955-1967

Nashville, TN

Various staff positions

- · Coordinated all office functions, work scheduling, etc
- Design engineer in charge of complete telephone designs for inside and outside plant
- Various positions as draftsman, junior engineer, etc.

References Available Upon Request

Terry Haynes

Summary

Telecommunications professional with over 30 years of experience in all aspects of engineering, service, support and operations associated with broadband voice, data and video networks. Strong leadership, project management, personnel management, and technical team building skills combined with a detailed understanding of public and private networks provide a well rounded background that can be relied upon to bring success to any organization.

Experience

2004 - Present

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc.

Bay Springs, MS

Director - Mechanized Records & Regulatory Consulting

- Manage and direct the Mechanized Records Operations Group responsible for the creation of accurate digital facilities records for Fail Engineering clients.
- Provide expertise in Telecommunications Policy (both state and federal), intercarrier compensation, cost analysis, rate case development, local number portability, number management, Voice over IP, and strategic planning.

2000 to 2003

Verizon

Irving, TX

Senior Regulatory Consultant

- Generated \$250 million savings as a professional witness for Verizon.
 Received Verizon's Excellence Award for outstanding achievement.
- Directed the implementation of 711 dialing (allows consumers to reach regional hearing impaired centers) for 28 states. This two-year project included soliciting resource commitments from 7 regional vice presidents and providing direction/leadership to 16 project managers.
- Advocated Verizon's position before state and federal regulatory leaders with a focus on national numbering issues and voice over IP (VoIP) telephony.

1997 to 2000

GTE

Irving, TX

Major Program Manager

- Directed the deployment of \$450 million in hardware and software to meet an aggressive target date established by the FCC. The LNP Project was completed ahead of schedule with a 10% budget underrun. Nominated for a GTE Presidential Leadership Award.
- Collaborated with other GTE leaders on an Executive Oversight Team to guide the development of systems and procedures optimized to handle the rapid growth of competitive local exchange carriers. This effort resulted in deployment of a market response center along with new systems and processes to dramatically improve performance.

GTE

Irving, TX

1994 to 1999

Field Technical Manager

- Led 200-member team to select and deploy a new ruggedized laptop. Budget was \$80 million in capital and expense for the 2+year project. Led the development of custom software optimized for field technicians. Deployed the laptops on schedule, under budget and received GTE's highest honor, the President's Individual Leadership Award.
- Managed a team of 16 employees who developed practices and procedures that resulted in an overall 10% improvement in quality and efficiency.
- Developed business cases that focused on improved employee quality, efficiency and empowerment. As a result of business case implementation, overall company cost of operation was reduced by \$40 million.

1992 to 1994

GTE

Irving, TX

Process Re-engineering Team Leader

- Managed a Process Re-engineering sub-team responsible for reviewing field maintenance processes to identify improvements that ultimately contributed to an annualized \$200 million reduction in operating costs.
- Team identified multiple savings opportunities including a recommendation
 to procure and deploy laptops to 13,000 field technicians to improve
 communication and route them to the nearest customer location. This
 assignment resulted in a promotion to manage a 200- member team that
 deployed the new laptop technology.
- Received Individual Excellence Award for the leadership provided to this team.

Education

University of South Carolina Bachelor of Art's Degree - 1973

Columbia, SC

References Available Upon Request

RESUME OF BRUCE G. STRINGER



Summary:

Telecommunications engineering consultant with over 35 years experience in all aspects of OSP plant facilities, FTTH design, Copper design, staking, construction inspection, and yearly construction budget preparation.

JOB AND EDUCATION EXPERIENCE:

Jan. 1995 To Present Manager

Joseph Fall Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

- ➤ Manager of Network Planning and Design Department. Responsible for long range planning and current yearly outside plant designs and construction budgets.
- ➤ TEC, Inc. Network Planning and Design responsibilities associated with \$2.8M of outside plant construction projects including FTTH and FTTP across six rural Independent Operating Companies within the 3 states of AL, MS and TN during budget year 2009. Companies included are: Bay Springs Telephone Company, Crockett Telephone Company, National Telephone Company, Peoples Telephone Company, Roanoke Telephone Company, and West Tennessee Telephone company.
 - Bay Springs Telephone company Successful creation

and submission of a round one ARRA Broadband Stimulus Application that was approved to fund the construction of approx 8.4\$M FTTP project consisting of 50 miles of fiber construction to serve unserved and

underserved subscribers in the state of MS.

Jan. 1990 To Dec. 1994 Consultant Engineer

Joseph Fail Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

➤ Work in preparation of outside plant designs, Consisting of map drafting, subscriber forecasting plant designs, and cost estimates. Prepare outside plant plans and specifications and contracts, consisting of schematics, staking sheets, circuit and number assignments, and detail construction directions.

Aug. 1989 to Dec. 1989 Field Engineer

Southland Professional Engineers Montgomery, Alabama

➤ Responsible for field inventory of outside plant facilities to be used in the development of mechanized records for Kemper and Lauderdale Counties in Mississippi.

Jan. 1987 to Aug. 1989 Facilities Engineer

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Jena, Louisiana

Responsible for specific outside plant project engineering for Region 1, Northeast and Northwest Divisions.

July 1984 to Jan. 1987 Facilities Engineer

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Jena, Louisiana

 Responsible for routine outside plant engineering for six exchanges in Region
 Northeast Division.

Oct. 1983 to July 1987 Facilities Engineer

Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. Ville Platte, Louisiana

> Responsible for routine outside plant

engineering for five exchanges that serve over 10,000 access lines.

May 1982 to Oct. 1983 Field Engineer

Beyers Engineering Company Pearl, Mississippi

> Engineer in charge of staking crew, preparing As-Built Field Drawings for preparation of outside plant records.

May 1981 to May 1982 Field Engineer

Beyers Engineering Company Pearl, Mississippi

> Work as Engineer in charge of staking crew, preparing field drawings and notes pertaining to the construction of outside plant. Work with Drafters in preparing final drawings from field work.

Sept. 1979 to May 1981 Plant Contract Supvr.

Beyers Engineering Company Pearl, Mississippi

> Responsible for construction of outside plant facilities in four exchange of the South Central Bell Telephone Company.

May 1979 to Sept. 1979 Assistant Office Mgr.

Joseph Fail Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

➤ Train and supervise personnel in the preparation of outside plant engineering work for several Independent Telephone Companies. Work with clients in problem solving, and preparation of documents for the Rural Electrification Administration.

Prepare contracts for outside plant construction.

June 1975 to May 1979 Office Engineer

Joseph Fail Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

➤ Work in preparation of outside plant designs, consisting of map drafting, subscriber forecasting plant designs, and cost estimates, prepare outside plant plans and specifications and contracts, consisting of schematics, staking sheets, circuit and number assignments, and detail construction directions.

May 1974 to June 1975 Field Engineer

Joseph Fail Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

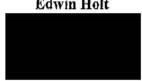
➤ Work as engineer in charge of staking crew, preparing field drawings and notes pertaining to the construction of outside plant. Supervise drafters in preparing final drawings from field work.

Sept. 1973 to May 1974 Assistant Engineer

Joseph Fail Engineering Company Bay Springs, Mississippi

➤ Work on staking crew in the procurement of measurements and drawings for outside plant construction. Inspect the construction of outside plant and maintain As-Built construction notes. Perform drafting of final drawings from field notes. Assist in preparation of schematics.

Edwin Holt



Summary

Telecommunications professional with over 25 years of experience in all aspects of outside plant construction associated with broadband voice, data and video networks. Strong leadership, project management, supervisory skills, highly organized. A diligent self-motivated professional accustomed to setting and attaining high goals, able to build, lead and serve on effective teams that get the job done.

Experience

Feb 2009 - Present

Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc. Resident Engineer, Outside Plant & Broadband Engineering

Bay Springs, MS

- Jaguar Communication-implementation of a 17M RUS Broadband Loan, project utilizing FTTH, xDSL and wireless technologies to provide voice, data and video services including the construction of over 150 miles of fiber construction through-out Scott, Dodge, Mower, Steele, and Waseca counties in rural MN.
- Jaguar Communication-implementation of a 4.6M RUS Broadband Loan, project utilizing FTTH, x DSL and wireless technologies to provide broadband voice, data and Video services, including the construction of 65 miles of fiber construction, throughout Dodge, Freeborn, Mower, Scott, Steele, Olmsted, Rice & Waseca counties in rural MN.
- Apply leadership and project management skills to ensure that the client's engineering projects are completed in a high quality fashion and are on schedule and within budget limits.
- Provide strategic planning, network design and product selection services to clients during network migration and expansion projects including fiber to the home/premise build-outs, optical network development, CATV upgrades to double and triple play platforms, wireless voice, wireless broadband and numerous other technologies.

Jan 2006-Feb 2009

Suddenlink Communications

College Station, TX

- Fiber Manager
- Budget control and project management. Responsible for all planning, construction and splicing of 7.7M, 154 miles of new fiber projects within the South Texas District.
- New project validation including feasibility and economic studies as well as the preparation and presentation of Technical Project Presentations to customers.
- Developing and implementing technical solutions to address the business communication and networking goals of customers.
- Responsible for the overseeing of over 1M glass miles of fiber.

May 1984-Jan 2006

Contracted to Various Telecom Providers & Contractors

Irving, TX

Construction Project Management

- Verizon: Planning/Construction FTTH in the Irving, Grapevine, & Keller Texas area totaling 10.2M over 200 miles of fiber to the home.
- Resident Engineering and Inspection for dozens of OSP cable construction projects.

Education

National Institute of Science School of Clinical Nuclear Medicine 1976

Bethesda, MD

Letters of Support



Office of County Administration Carver County Government Center Human Services Building 602 East Fourth Street Chaska, Minnesota 55318-2102

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Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary National Telecommunications and Information Administration U.S. Department of Commerce Washington, D.C. 20230

March 25, 2010

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Carver County asks that you strongly consider the overall benefits of the three applications for BTOP funding for projects in the seven-county Metropolitan Area of Minneapolis and St. Paul. These three applications, the Ramsey Broadband Coalition, the Carver County Open Fiber Initiative, and the Connect Anoka County project, will facilitate a common high-speed fiber loop that will connect the seven counties (Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, Anoka, Scott and Carver) in the Twin Cities metropolitan region of Minnesota. Having this comprehensive infrastructure in the metro region will make existing government operations more efficient and cost-effective, and it will lay the foundation for addressing a broad range of needs in the future.

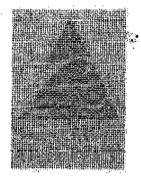
As the third-fastest growing county in Minnesota, Carver County expects to see its current population more than double by 2030. In order to keep pace with this rapid population growth in times of shrinking budgets, public entities must find ways to operate as efficiently as possible and make the best use of data and communication strategies. We have worked in partnership with a far-reaching collection of city, county and township officials, K-12 schools, fire departments, public safety and law enforcement agencies, institutions of higher learning, libraries, community support organizations, social service and healthcare organizations to design our project to be as effective as possible. The end result promises to be a cost-effective, efficient method of providing broadband services throughout the county that could not otherwise be built, a system that will improve government and business operations and the lives of our residents. Being able to connect the county's system to the other metro counties will magnify its value.

Carver County fully supports all three Twin Cites broadband projects, and we urge the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to do the same.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need more information.

Sincerely,

David Hemze County Administrator



COUNTY OF ANOKA

OFFICE OF COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

Government Center 2100 3rd avenue ste 700 - Andra, Mn 55303 5024 (763) 323-5700

March 24, 2010

TERRY L. JOHNSON County Administrator

Lawrence E. Sirickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Confinence
Washington D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Smickling:

The seven (7) Minnesota counties (Hemephin, Rainsey, Dakota, Washington, Anoka, Scott and Carver) that comprise the seven county Metropolitan Area of Minneapolis and St. Paul are working jointly to facilitate a common high speed fiber loop to connect the seven counties and, eventually, the cities, schools and hospitals in the region. To that end, Anoka County supports the applications submitted by the Rainsey Broadband Coalition, the Connect Anoka County project and the Carver County Open Fiber Initiative. These efforts will result in a comprehensive community infrastructure to meet the needs of local government partners and create a broad foundation to address the needs of the community for high speed open-access fiber to support next generation applications. Lurge you to give all three proposals the strongest possible consideration.

As a County government, we are well aware of the critical role that broadband access and ordine tools and applications play on region's future - in the development of our economy, our children's education, our access to health care, out public services and public engagement in a democracy, and the quality of our lives. But we also know that thousands of area citizens are not prepared for that future. Whether the reason is cost, education, age, fear, lack of social support, lack of exposure - or any or all of the above, thousands of our neighbors still have or are disconnected from modern broadband access in their homes. This persistent digital divide isn't just a problem for area residents stuck on the wrong side - it's a problem throughout the Twin Cities metropolitan area.

Given BTOP funding, the Ramsey Broadband Condition, Connect Anoka County, and the Carvet County Open Fiber Initiative will provide a model for what significant, forward-thinking investment in broadband can achieve. These projects will use BTOP funds to invest in backbone fiber infrastructure that will guarantee reliable, secure, and efficient high-speed connectivity among public anchor institutions and will lay the foundation for high-speed broadband connectivity to area businesses and residents.

This is a straightforward, common-sense approach to solve the problem that the BTOP grant is designed to solve. I strongly endorse all three projects and urge the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to do the same.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if we can provide any information or assistance.

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Terry L. Johnson

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March 24, 2010

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Mr. Donnie Smith Carver County Open Fiber Initiative (CCOFI) 213 South Oak Ave. Owatonna, MN 55060

Dear Mr. Smith.

In support of CCOFF's Broadband Stimulus ARRA Application, Joseph D. Fail Engineering Company, Inc. (FE) offers the following perfaming to FE:

Established in 1967 as a telecommunications engineering consulting company. FE has provided continuous service to the rural telecommunications industry since inception. We have worked with numerous companies specifically in the area of preparation of RUS/governmental loan applications through the implementation of approved loans. Currently we are working with several clients on implementation of approved loans under the RUS broadband loan program.

Having worked with many telephone and broadband loan applicants. we are very familiar with RUS/NTIA loan application requirements, RUS construction standards and post loan procedures for the telephone and broadband loan program as well as loan application requirements under the new Broadband infrastructure Application process.

We have been contracted by CCOFI to aid in the preparation and submission of their ARRA Application. Being involved with their application we are familiar with all parts of the Jaquar ARRA project.

A FE registered professional engineer in the State of Minnesota has signed off on the necessary documents required under the ARRA Application process.

· FE will comply with all facets of the Davis-Bacon Act as it pertains to ARRA requirements.

 FE is capable and ready to provide CCOFI all assistance required to implement ARRA loan requirements through project completion.

Attached are resumes of key personnel dedicated to support your projects as required.

Fall Engineering appreciates the opportunity to work with CCOFI on creating their ARRA Application and look forward to assisting in the implementation of the approved loan.

President Fall Engineering Robert Sandhaus, P.E.

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Jonathan C. Rodd

From:

Senator Klobuchar [senator_klobuchar@klobuchar.senate.gov]

Sent:

Friday, August 07, 2009 12:12 PM

To: Subject: Jonathan C. Rodd Responding to your email

Dear Jonathan:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me about access to high speed internet services. This is an important issue, and I appreciate having the benefit of your comments and hearing your personal experience.

I believe that every American should have equal access to broadband technology, an increasingly critical component at home and at work. Franklin Delano Roosevelt brought us rural electrification, Dwight Eisenhower brought us the interstate highway system, and I believe an important next step for our nation's infrastructure is to bring broadband to all corners of this country. In addition to creating educational and health care opportunities, broadband can create opportunities for businesses and employment that would otherwise not exist in our rural communities. In these tough economic times, broadband deployment creates jobs – not only the direct creation of jobs in the tech sector, but also the creation of even more indirect employment opportunities by increasing access to broadband.

As a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, I am committed to bringing high speed internet to every American. I was a very early advocate that broadband communications infrastructure play a significant part of the large-scale economic recovery legislation. In December 2008 I sent a letter to President Obama urging him to consider funding for broadband as a short term and long term economic recovery and development initiative. As you may know, on December 29, 2008, I held a roundtable in St. Paul to specifically address the challenges that Minnesota residents face in gaining access to high speed internet. In early January, I was the first Senator to deliver a speech on the Senate floor describing the importance of broadband internet for the future of our education, telemedicine, employment, and keeping the U.S. competitive in a global market.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act that was signed into law in February 2009 included key investments in high speed internet for which I strongly advocated. The legislation allocates nearly \$7 billion to create jobs while strengthening the nation's high speed internet infrastructure and helping to deliver the technologies that can create new opportunities in rural America.

As part of the Recovery Act, the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) will fund eligible entities to develop and expand broadband services to unserved and underserved areas and improve access to broadband by public safety agencies. For more information on this program please visit the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) website at http://www.ntia.doc.gov.

The Recovery Act also provides \$2.5 billion to the US Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service's Broadband Loan and Grant Program. For more information on this program, please visit http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/broadband.htm.

The US Department of Agriculture, the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) and the NTIA are jointly developing guidelines for awarding these funds. There was a public comment period from March 12, 2009 to April 13, 2009. Eligibility requirements, the application process, scoring criteria, and deadlines for applying for funds will all be published on the USDA Rural Development and NTIA websites within the coming weeks.

I encourage you to follow the development of the rules for these two programs in order to be aware of when grant applications are due. I will keep your concerns in mind as we in the Senate carry out oversight of these programs and consider future relevant broadband initiatives.

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me. One of the most important parts of my job is listening to what the people of Minnesota have to say to me. I am here in our nation's capital to do the public's business and to serve the people of our state. I hope you will contact me again about matters of concern to you.

Sincerely,

Amy Klobuchar United States Senator

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Dated this 14th day of July, 2009			
County Administrator			

Board of Supervisors Watertown Township

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City of Mayer Resolution in Support of the Carver County Fiber Optic Project Resolution 7-27-2009-10

Whereas, the American recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

Whereas, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

Whereas, the City of Mayer will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

Whereas, the City of Mayer will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and

Whereas, the residents and business owners in the City of Mayer will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, the City of Mayer hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

.dis Maetzola. City Clerk

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Mayer, Minnesota this 27th day of July, 2009.

Chris Capual, Mayor

CITY OF WACONIA RESOLUTION NO. 2009-109

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CARVER COUNTY FIBER OFFIC PROJECT

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits: and

WHEREAS, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waconia will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Waconia will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and

WHEREAS, the residents and business owners in the City of Waconia will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.

NOW. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Waconia hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Waconia this 3rd day of Azerst. 2009.

Susan MH Amtz, City Administrator

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RESOLUTION 09_20 SUPPORTING CARVER COUNTY'S FIBER OPTIC FUNDING REQUEST TO THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

Whereas, the American recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

Whereas, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

Whereas, the City of Cologne will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

Whereas, the City of Cologne will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and

Whereas, the residents and business owners in the City of Cologne will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the City of Cologne hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Cologne, Minnesota, this 20th day of July, 2009.

I certify that the above resolution is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Cologne City Council dated July 20, 2009

John Douville.

Clerk/Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

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Attest: Karen McMulle	Mulla n, Clerk			

RESOLUTION NO. 09-86

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CARVER COUNTY'S APPLICATION FOR ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDING FOR THEIR FIBER PROJECT

WHEREAS, The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, The City of Victoria will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

WHEREAS, The City of Victoria will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Victoria City Council hereby supports the fiber optic funding requesting being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 200	09 by the Victoria (City Council.		
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Jennifer Kretsdo City Clerk		•		

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Victoria, hereby certifies the foregoing Resolution No. 09-86 is a true and correct copy of a resolution presented to and adopted by the Council of the City of Victoria at a duly authorized meeting thereof held on the 10th day of August 2009, as shown by the minutes of the aforesaid meeting in possession of the undersigned.

Jennika Knotsch Jennifer Kretsch, City Clerk

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RESOLUTION 125-09 CITY OF CARVER BROADBAND ACCESS TO UN-SERVED AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

WHEREAS the American recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U. S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

WHEREAS Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS the City of Carver will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

WHEREAS the City of Carver will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and

WHEREAS the residents and business owners in the City of Carver will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carver City Council hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Adopted by the Council of the City of Carver this 3rd day of August 2009 by a vote of Ayes and Nays.

James Weygand, Mayor

ATTEST:

Patricia Plekkenpol, City Clerk



BOARD OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #108 CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DATE	July :	7, 20	09					
MOTION	BY Jir	s Spil	10	SECONDED BY	Craig	Pexa		
			 				 	

Whereas, the American recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and

Whereas, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and

Whereas, the School District #108 will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and

Whereas, the School District #108 will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and

Whereas, the residents and business owners in the School District #108 will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, the School District #108 hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARVER

I. Carol Lagergren, duly appointed and qualified Clerk of ISD #108 School Board, Carver County, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of ISD #108, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 27th day of July, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Dated this 27th day of July, 2009

Carol Lagergren

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DATE JULY 21, 2009 RESOLUTION NO. 2009-012

MOTION BY STEVE VANLITH SECONDED BY JIM PAUL
Whereas, the American recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriated \$7.2 billion and directed the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS) and The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to expand broadband access to un-served and underserved communities across the U.S., increase jobs, spur investments in technology and infrastructure, and provide long-term economic benefits; and
Whereas, Carver County desires to build a fiber optic loop connecting county facilities, libraries, school district facilities, city buildings and other important local government buildings through a public/private partnership to provide service to residents and businesses; and
Whereas, the City of New Germany will benefit by reducing operating expenses, improving connectivity and having an additional economic development asset in the community; and
Whereas, the City of New Germany will benefit by allowing various facilities to connect via currently unfunded laterals to the fiber backbone providing for an interwoven network of high speed information sharing; and
Whereas, the residents and business owners in the City of New Germany will benefit through this public/private partnership by having an opportunity to obtain a broadband connection and increase competition amongst telecommunication companies.
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the City of New Germany hereby supports the fiber optic funding request being made by Carver County through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.
Motion passed by Steve VanLith, Shirley Jaeger Jim Paul. Attent: Marc Trujillo
Approved this 21st day of July, 2009 C. Bete Pederson, Mayor Attest: Joan Guthmiller, City Clerk
STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF CARVER
I, duly appointed and qualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session held on the 23rd day of June, now on file in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.
Dated this 14th day of July, 2009
County Administrator

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DATE July 14, 2009	RESOLUTION NO. 49-09
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I, David Hemze, duly appointed and q	rualified County Administrator of the County of Carver, State of
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minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Co held on the 14th day of July, 2009, now on file in	unity Commissioners, Carver County, Minnesota, at its session in the Administration office, and have found the same to be a true
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Dated this 14th day of July, 2009	(1)
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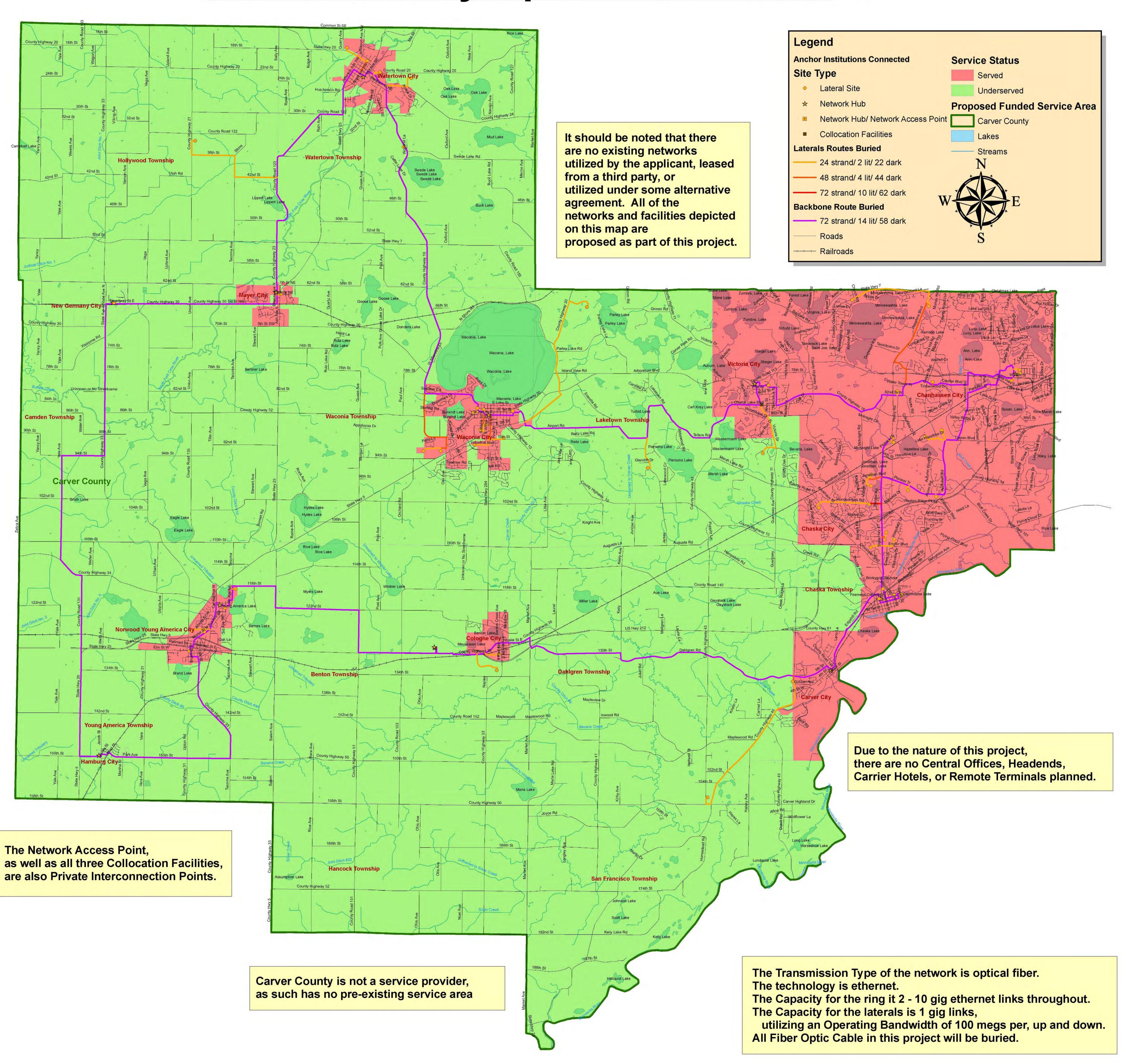
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Carver County Open Fiber Intitative



U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Authentication and Certifications

- 1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
- 2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- 4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
- 5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receives under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).

6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

3/5/10 Date

Authorized Organization Representative Signature

Print Name

Title



March 24, 2010

Mr. William E. Lorenzen USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services 375 Jackson Street, Suite 600 St. Paul, MN 55101-1854

Dear Mr. Lorenzen.

Carver County is currently in the process of applying for Round 2 Stimulus funds as part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Carver County's application is to create a fiber-based backbone infrastructure to multiple community anchor institutions. This fiber infrastructure will provide the necessary foundation for additional access to high-speed broadband services throughout the county and will allow residents and businesses in rural areas to compete in attracting new jobs and maintaining existing jobs.

While at this time Carver County has not been approved for stimulus funds, the county feels it is important that we keep you informed of the process. We have included a map showing the service areas that we are submitting for. If and when we are approved you will receive detailed maps of our proposed routes so we can move forward in our plans of bringing fiber infrastructure to these areas while at the same time following the guidelines and procedures of complying with rules and regulations of your organization.

When approved the burying of the fiber will be low impact construction in existing public right-of-ways; and performed by using the following construction techniques: digital directional boring and vibratory plow.

The following federal, state and county agencies are being notified of our project for their recommendations to protect existing native habitat and species of our state.

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Department of Army (COE)
- MN Pollution Control Agency
- USDA (NRCS)

- MN Department of Natural Resources (Lands and Minerals)
- Counties Soil and Water Conservation
 Districts

Once again Carver County will have more information sent to your agency when approved. The County and its contractors as in the past will continue to take every precaution necessary to protect our environment and we thank you in advance for your cooperation and recommendations and look forward to hearing from you. I can be contacted at 952.361.1501 or staylor@co.carver.mn.us.

Sincerely,

Dave Hemze

Carver County Administrator



BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Service Offerings and Competitor Data Template

Please complete the complete the following worksheets--either of the Last Mile or I Service Offerings worksheets may be omitted if the applicant is not proposing to prothat type.

For both the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Offerings worksheets, the service of include all relevant tiers and markets (*e.g.* residential, business, wholesale). Applications sure to include details on any services that would be offered at discounted rates to classes of customers (*e.g.* community anchor institutions or third party service prov

In the Last Mile Service Offerings worksheet, applicants are required to provide esti end user speeds. Average speeds should be the average sustained actual, non-burs end user would receive during a peak hour. For purposes of calculating these speed should utilize their subscriber projections for year eight of the project, and develop utilization projections that are consistent with any additional services the applicant For wireless broadband services, this speed should be an average of the speeds ava entire cell. Beyond these general guidelines, due to the multiplicity of technical sol be proposed, the applicants may use discretion to determine the most reasonable r to estimate actual speeds on their network. Applicants should explain the underlyin used to calculate the average speeds in the space provided.

In the Competitor Data worksheet, applicants are required to provide data on both middle mile service providers, regardless of whether the applicant proposes to offe and middle mile services. In the column titled Service Areas Where Service Offered should list all of the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Areas within their Proposed Farea in which the listed services area available. Please ensure that the Service Area consistent with those provided within the application and the Service Areas attachn actual availability of the listed services is limited (e.g. the service is only available will Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Area), note this in the Other Comments column.

In contrast to several other attachment templates in this application, the data provi template will NOT be subject to automated processing. These templates worksheet to demonstrate the level of data required and to provide a suggested format. Appli modify the template layouts in order to provide the most effective presentation of their specific project. Applicants should, however, ensure that they provide at least as these templates require. To the extent that you modify these templates please ϵ print layouts are adjusted so that rows do not break across pages in a manner that ϵ to understand. It is recommended that you provide these documents in PDF format submitting a copy of your application on an appropriate electronic medium, such as ROM, or flash drive.

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Proposed Middle Mile Service Offerings

Name of Service Offering	Distance Band or Point to Point	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Capacity (Mbps)	Monthly/Yearly Pricing (\$)	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
Anchor Institutions Service	Point to Point	100Mbps/100Mbps	\$ 250.00	Limited to Anchor Institutions
	 		 	
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Competitor Data

Competitor Data - Middle Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Service Tiers	Distance Band or Point-to-Point	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth Canacity	Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Feature or Limitations
		Copper- T1	Entry	DS1	1.5 Mbps	249.00 / Month	
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Highest	OC48	2488 Mbps	31,275.00 / Month	Non protected
0	Construction Charles City	Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	DS3	45 Mbps	4,072.00 / Month	
Qwest	Carver County to Chaska City	Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	OC3	155 Mbps	7875.00 / Month	Non protected
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	OC12	622 Mbps	14,852.00 / Month	Non protected
Not Available	Carver County to Carver City	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	NA NA	
Not Available	Carver County to Chanhassen City	NA NA	NA	NA NA	NA	NA	
Not Available	Carver County to Hamberg City	NA NA	NA	NA NA	NA	NA	
		Copper- T1	Entry	DS1	1.5 Mbps	440.00 / Month	
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Not Available	Carver County to Norwood Young America	NA NA	NA NA	NA	NA	NA NA	
		Copper- T1	Entry	DS1	1.5 Mbps	279.00 / Month	
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Highest	OC12	622 Mbps	16,394.00 / Month	Non protected
Qwest	Carver County to Victoria City	Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	DS3	45 Mbps	4,109.00 / Month	
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Qwest	Carver County to Waconia City	Copper- T1	Entry	DS1	1.5 Mbps	308.00 / Month	
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Highest	OC12	622 Mbps	18,863.00 / Month	Non protected
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	DS3	45 Mbps	4,507.00 / Month	
		Fiber- Optical Transport	Mid - Tier	OC3	155 Mbps	9,685.00 / Month	Non protected