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Organization:	Eventis Telecom, Inc.
Project Name:	Greater Minnesota Broadband Collaborative
Project Type:	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
State:	Minnesota
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Many key community organizations located in rural Minnesota towns such as Detroit Lakes, Luverne, Hinckley, and Wabasha report limited access to low cost high-speed broadband services. **Eventis Telecom**, as part of the Greater Minnesota Broadband Collaborative, proposes to construct a brand new 428-mile fiber network that would provide middle-mile service at speeds of up to 10 Gbps and enable connections to anchor institutions and businesses across a 23-county area of the state. The project intends to expand distance learning and training opportunities throughout the state, while offering high-capacity services to community organizations in the area.

Among the anchor institutions already committed to working directly with the grantee and its partner the State of Minnesota's Office of Enterprise Technology are the University of Minnesota at Duluth, Little Falls Police Department, and St. Gabriel's Hospital.

The Greater Minnesota Broadband Collaborative also proposes to:

- Connect as many as 70 community anchor institutions with speeds between 100 Mbps and 10 Gbps, including four K-12 public schools, eight public safety entities, six libraries, nine community colleges, seven additional institutions of higher learning, 19 healthcare facilities, and 21 government buildings and centers.
- Interconnect 12 regional health clinics, enabling the use of telemedicine and electronic medical records while building a modern healthcare network that could be replicated elsewhere in the state.
- Facilitate more affordable and accessible broadband service for up to approximately 146,000 households, 28,000 businesses, and over 500 additional community anchor institutions in the area by enabling local Internet service providers to utilize the project's open network.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Eventis has been in the business of providing advanced network services to community anchor institutions and businesses in Minnesota for over 10 years. Eventis is a wholly-owned subsidiary of HickoryTech Corporation, a diversified communications company based in Mankato, Minnesota, with operations in Minnesota and Iowa.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- State of Minnesota Office of Enterprise Technology
- The Mayo Clinic
- University of Minnesota Office of Information Technology

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