



Carthage

President of the College

March 25, 2010

Mr. Jim Kreuser
County Executive
The County of Kenosha
Kenosha County Administration Building
1010 – 56th Street, Second Floor
Kenosha, Wisconsin 53140

Re: Application for Google Fiber for Communities

Dear Jim:

Carthage is pleased to support Kenosha County's application to Google for the **Google Fiber for Communities** project. Across the past generation, Kenosha has undergone an extensive economic transformation. The city and the county have grown and thrived through recurring economic cycles. In the path of Chicago growth, and an integral part of the seven counties surrounding Milwaukee, Kenosha has exploited opportunities to attract business here.

Kenosha has been rated among the best places to raise a family (Reader's Digest, April 1997). With a population of just under 160,000, Kenosha County boasts a diversified employment environment, a productive agricultural and dairy industry, superb museums, and an attractive lakefront setting. The County is a regional healthcare center, home to several top hospitals, and the Michael E. DeBakey Heart Institute. The Milken Institute reported in a 2009 study that the City of Kenosha is among the Top 50 high-tech economies in the country. In addition, the County has abundant educational opportunities, with Gateway Technical College and the University of Wisconsin-Parkside, in addition to Carthage, providing outstanding opportunities for young people to further their education and enhance the county's intellectual assets.

The area already has more than 90 miles of fiber optic cable in place and ready for use. Ultra-high-speed broadband service would amplify dramatically the educational and research capabilities of the City's higher education institutions and museums, and encourage more small and mid-size businesses to expand here.

Kenosha County offers advanced physical and technological infrastructure and a remarkable local pool of technologically adept citizens. We are excited by the possibilities of what we could create through working with the Google team, and enthusiastically support the County's application for the **Google Fiber for Communities** project.

Yours sincerely,

F. Gregory Campbell