

May 14, 2012

Re: Grafton Technology's Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge project.

To Whom it May Concern:

The Jersey County Business Association is pleased to provide this letter of support for the Grafton Technologies, Inc.'s Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge Grant Application to bring ultra high speed broadband service to the more remote areas of Illinois. This endeavor will extend opportunities for even more creativity from remotely located entrepreneurs that will yield employment where outside investment is difficult to attract. I believe the expansion of ultra high speed bandwidth will also secure new employment opportunity at existing public/private institution such as our hospitals, libraries and schools.

The Jersey County Business Association is a county-wide Chamber of Commerce and a not-for-profit Economic Development Corporation. The Jersey County Business Association knows that ultra high speed bandwidth is one of Jersey County's largest obstacles in attracting new business investment and is a key component in improving our local economy. I sincerely urge the selection committee to give its utmost consideration to funding the Grafton Technologies, Inc.'s Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge project.

The Jersey County Business Association will continue its support of Grafton Technologies, Inc.'s efforts to update our communities Information Technology. Thank you for your consideration of this important project for the future of Jersey County.

Best regards,

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