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Letter of Support for:

Grafton Communications, Inc. Illinois Gigabit Communities Challenge Application

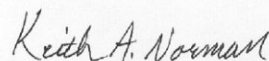
I am the Director of Technology for Jersey Community Unit School District No. 100 and have had a working relationship with Grafton Communications for sixteen years. I have used Grafton Communications in the capacity of a telecommunications vendor for phone and Internet service, as a contractor to perform infrastructure work both in and between our buildings, and as a consultant to assist in engineering our WAN.

I have known Grafton Communications to be a company that is very competent, honest and truly concerned about the communities they serve. I have witnessed them invest millions of dollars in our district to move from a dial-up ISP, to high speed DSL including phone, Internet and digital TV services, on their state of the art infrastructure in Jerseyville. I have worked with them on community projects, and they have assisted the district many school initiatives.

Last year our District 100 began planning for a full digital conversion of student learning in our district. This conversion is in the implementation phase now and will be fully implemented at the start of the 2013-2014 school year. The extension of Grafton Communications service to so many more households in our district will help us to utilize the 1:1 devices and digital curriculum to better facilitate student learning, extend student learning outside the walls of our schools and confines of our county, and better connect with the parents, guardians, and community members that we serve.

It is my sincere hope that you will award Grafton Communications the funds necessary for them to complete their project goals and provide high speed access to many areas of our rural 332 square mile district that do not have other affordable options.

Please feel free to contact me if you would need any other information.



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Director of Technology