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RE: Google Fiber for Communities – Round Rock, Texas

Dear Google:

On behalf of Texas State University's campus in Round Rock, I am writing to applaud Google for pioneering the Fiber for Communities experiment. We wholeheartedly support this innovative project and the City of Round Rock's application to be among the communities selected for trial.

As an institution of higher education, we foresee many positive applications for super-fast internet, from quicker download speeds for online courses to 3D video live lectures. In addition to our existing Round Rock Higher Education Center, our facilities in Round Rock will feature a nursing program beginning in the fall of 2010. The three-story nursing building contains 77,740 square feet and supports the curriculum with a variety of clinical practice and simulation labs with state-of-the art equipment. Google's broadband project will further enable a multitude of high-tech tele-medicine applications associated with our growing array of allied health science activities moving into the Round Rock community

In conclusion, we think you would be encouraged by Round Rock's "can-do" spirit and collaborative atmosphere. Should Round Rock be selected, know you would find support from Texas State University, as we recognize the vast local and global benefits of this network. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



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