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**NOTICE
BY THE NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OF ITS INTENT TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION FOR A FRANCHISE**

Notice is hereby given that it is the intent of the Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission ("Commission") to consider the application for a franchise for the purpose of operating a cable communications system to serve the Member Cities (Inver Grove Heights, Lilydale, Mendota, Mendota Heights, South St. Paul, Sunfish Lake, and West St. Paul) of the Commission. This notice is given in accordance with the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 238.081.

Applications shall be submitted in response to this Notice and Request for Proposals available on request from the Commission's office, Attention: Jodie Miller, Executive Director, 5845 Blaine Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076.

- A. The deadline for submitting applications is March 31, 2015.
- B. Applications shall be in writing, notarized, in a format consistent with the Request for Proposals, and sealed with three (3) copies enclosed. Applications shall be delivered to the attention of Jodie Miller, Executive Director, Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission, 5845 Blaine Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076. Two (2) additional copies shall be simultaneously submitted to the Commission's outside legal counsel, Brian Grogan, Moss & Barnett at 150 South Fifth Street, Suite 1200, Minneapolis, MN 55402.
- C. Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 238.081 subd. 8, Applicants will be required to reimburse the Commission for all necessary costs of processing a cable communications franchise. Each application shall include an application fee of Ten Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) in the form of a certified check made payable to the Commission. Any unused portion of the application fee shall be returned to the Applicant and any additional fees required to process the application and franchise beyond the application fee shall be assessed to the Applicant.
- D. Applicants are requested to be present at a public hearing before the Commission that is presently scheduled to be held at the Commission's office, beginning at 7 p.m. on April 15, 2015. Each applicant will be given time to summarize its application.

- E. The Request for Proposals sets forth in detail the expectations of the Commission and the requirements of the content of the franchise proposal and are made in conformance to the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 238.081, subd. 4.
- F. The services to be offered are identified in the Request for Proposals and include a system providing public, educational and governmental access channels consistent with state law; a mix, level and quality of programs and services comparable to other systems in the region serving similar sized communities and customer services and maintenance plans to ensure quality service to the subscriber. The Request for Proposals provides further details of the services to be offered.
- G. The criteria for evaluating the applications and priorities for selection are as follows:
 - 1. The completeness of applications and conformance to Request for Proposals;
 - 2. Customer service policies and system testing;
 - 3. The legal, technical, and financial qualifications of the applicant; and
 - 4. The proposal for community services, including public, educational, and governmental access in accordance with state law.
- H. Applications which meet the above criteria in the opinion of the Commission shall be considered for a franchise.
- I. The applicant(s) selected by the Commission will be required to accept the franchise documents granted within thirty (30) days after adoption.
- J. All questions concerning this request should be directed to Jodie Miller, Executive Director, Northern Dakota County Cable Communications Commission, 5845 Blaine Avenue, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076; phone (651) 450-9891.

Dated: March 4, 2015

NORTHERN DAKOTA COUNTY CABLE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

By: Jodie Miller

Its: Executive Director

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