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**Transforming the Midwest into the ‘Silicon Prairie’**

*Mediacom Business Gigabit+ Fiber Solutions™*

*A leader in providing broadband connectivity to rural American*

**Los Angeles – April 29, 2014** -- America’s heartland is becoming a hub of new economic development, fueled by broadband expansion like Gigabit+ Fiber SolutionsTM from Mediacom Business. Municipalities like Grimes, Iowa, located on the outskirts of Des Moines, are boasting about their high-tech capabilities to attract major corporations, revitalize existing businesses, and bring high-quality jobs to their community. To achieve these goals, the Grimes business community found a solution by connecting to the Mediacom Business fiber optic network, according to Dan Templin, Mediacom Senior Vice President, Business Services.

Presenting at the annual National Cable & Telecommunications Association Convention in Los Angeles, Mr. Templin said, “While companies like Google are conceptualizing their ability to build these networks, our fiber optic network is already in place and delivering speeds of Gigabit and beyond. Mediacom Business customers of every size and scope are conducting their online business all-day, everyday, over our proprietary, nationwide, fiber optic network.”

With a rapidly growing population now of about 10,000 residents, the City of Grimes wants to give people the opportunity to work in the community where they live, rather than commute into downtown Des Moines, or elsewhere, according to Brian Buethe, Executive Director of the Grimes Chamber & Economic Development, a local membership organization dedicated to expanding the business community. “By bringing high-quality jobs to Grimes, citizens will be more engaged in the local community, which will improve the overall quality of life. Grimes is living up to its motto: ‘Far from the ordinary. Close to everything.’” Mr. Buethe said.

Mr. Buethe said the Greater Des Moines area is consistently ranked by Forbes, CNN, and other national news mediums as one of the best areas for businesses. “With seven business and industrial parks, nearby Grimes is attracting attention among businesses that are seeking new locations for their facilities. Whenever Grimes works with new company prospects, one of their first questions is about broadband capability. And we have the answer with partners like Mediacom Business. ,” Mr. Buethe said.

The City of Grimes wants to demonstrate that it’s not only a desirable business location, but also a great place to live and raise a family, according to Mr. Buethe. “Grimes is the home to about 400 businesses, primarily small and medium-sized companies, but it’s also starting to attract larger companies like Federal Express,” Mr. Buethe said, adding, “Whether small or large, these companies increasingly are conducting business online, through e-commerce, order taking, marketing, communicating or sending large documents. They need broadband access that is fast, and reliable. That is what Mediacom Business is providing via their fiber network.”

“The Silicon Prairie is more than just a concept. We’ve made it a reality,” Mr. Templin said. “Increasingly, Central Iowa is attracting attention from IT companies, web developers, call centers, and data centers who demand the reliability, speed and redundancy of a high-capacity fiber network. We’re especially proud to be an industry leader in providing broadband connectivity to rural America, solely with private investment.”

Mr. Templin said the win-win partnership with the City of Grimes is reflective of similar Mediacom Business initiatives in other parts of the country. “Mediacom has invested more than $2.5 billion over the past 10 years to provide 100% fiber optic solutions to businesses, municipalities, schools, healthcare facilities, and other community anchor institutions.

**About Mediacom Communications**
Mediacom Communications Corporation is the nation’s eighth largest cable television company and recognized leader in serving rural America. Mediacom Communications offers a wide array of information, communications and entertainment services, including video, high-speed data and phone, and also provides innovative broadband communications solutions through its Mediacom Business division that can be tailored to any size business. Mediacom Communications’ advertising sales and productions services are sold under its OnMedia division. More information about Mediacom Communications is available at business.mediacomcable.com/gigabit

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