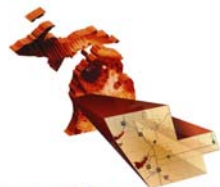


## LinkMuskegon Would Like Input From Government, Education, and Economic Development Organizations on Broadband Connectivity Issues:



As you may be aware, the State of Michigan (Michigan Economic Development Corporation) has awarded Muskegon, Barry-Ionia-Kent, and Ottawa Counties, among others, grants to develop a Broadband Connectivity Plan by May 2003. The objectives of the planning include: 1) identify current and future user needs, 2) identify availability, cost and location of existing providers' services, and 3) create a connectivity plan that will bridge the identified gaps.

To assist in the plan development, we would like to get input from government, education and economic development organizations on broadband connectivity needs, issues, key players, barriers, and opportunities, as well as feedback on your experiences. Your interest and experience in working with broadband connectivity issues will make your input invaluable to this process!

### FOCUS GROUP MEETING:

**Date:** Wednesday, February 19, 2003  
**Time:** 8:30 – 10:00 AM  
**Location:** Muskegon Community College, Stevenson Center, Room 1118.

### Agenda:

- 1) Overview of the LinkMichigan planning process and schedule
- 2) Broadband (BB) connectivity questions such as:
  - What does BB connectivity mean to you (what works, does not work)?
  - How could BB access improve government and education, reduce costs, provide efficiencies, enhance economic development, etc.?
  - What are the concerns with regulatory issues dealing with rights-of-ways? BB requirements for office and housing developments?
  - How could affordable BB access impact current and future e-learning and e-government activities?
  - What hinders government agencies and education institutions from collaborating on technology applications, aggregation of demand, etc.?
  - If you could change one connectivity issue, what would it be?
  - With BB connectivity, what impacts, changes, benefits might you see/realize?

Thank you in advance for your participation in this important and timely project.

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**Please fax this form back to Eduardo Bedoya (724-6593)**

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