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### THE CITY OF FREDERICK COURTS GOOGLE FIBER PROJECT

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**Frederick, MD** -- What do supercomputing, advanced technology, history, education, and a high speed internet network have in common? The answer is Frederick, Maryland, USA and Google. The City of Frederick is applying to Google to be considered for an ultra-high speed broadband network trial.

Google is planning to launch an experiment to make Internet access better and faster for everyone. They plan to test ultra-high speed broadband networks in one or more trial locations across the country. Their networks will deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have access to today, over 1 gigabit per second, fiber-to-the-home and workplace connections. They will offer service at a competitive price to at least 50,000 and potentially up to 500,000 people.

The City of Frederick's response to the Google Request-For-Information (RFI) is being submitted this Friday, March 26th. One aspect that Google is interested in is community support. There is an opportunity for citizens and organizations to assist by nominating The City of Frederick for this trial. Please take a minute and nominate the City of Frederick using this link - <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi> . **Please note:** you will need to set up a Google account (username and password) to complete the nomination form. The whole process of nomination should only take only 10-15 minutes. ***This needs to be accomplished by 5:00 PM on Friday, March 26th.*** The City of Frederick thanks you in advance for your participation.

One of America's great small cities – established in 1745 - Frederick, Maryland is confident that Google – the world's dominant internet search engine- will make history with a state-of-the-art, high speed internet network to fuel creativity, innovation, education, and entrepreneurial activity.

Why? Because Frederick is one of the finest examples in the country blending history and technology. At its core is Downtown Frederick - a stunning, award-winning, 40-

square block historic district and a riverwalk that is the hub of arts, government, and commerce. Downtown is surrounded by advanced technology, attractive neighborhoods, parks, blue-ribbon schools, colleges, a municipal airport, a high tech business incubator, and a highly educated population.

Part of the Maryland Biotech cluster, The City of Frederick is the second largest city in the state with a population of 60,000+, 3,500 businesses, and nearly 49,000 employees. It is the proud home of National Anthem composer Francis Scott Key, the National Cancer Institute, the Fort Detrick National Interagency Biodefense Campus, The Frederick Keys, minor league baseball team, Bechtel, and BP Solar.

The City of Frederick is a renaissance town – defined by arts and science – a community that knows how to put high-speed internet to the test. From school science projects, to gallery art show openings, to Frederick Memorial Hospital lab tests, to the National Cancer Institute Nanotech Labs and Supercomputing center, Frederick depends on its internet networks. Whether it is IT employees hanging out in the downtown wi-fi area along Carroll Creek Park or bio employees connecting over a pint of cold Flying Dog ale at monthly BioBeers, The City of Frederick depends on internet access.

The City of Frederick has several hundred miles of publically maintained roads across its 22 square miles. Google can hang its highspeed network on utility poles in the public right-of-way or pull it through conduits in newer neighborhoods. It can participate in the development of world-class mixed-use infill neighborhoods as part of a major initiative known as East Frederick Rising.

Again, please go to <http://www.google.com/appserve/fiberrfi> and nominate Frederick for this ultra high speed broadband network trial!

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