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***Fiberutilities Group Instrumental in Healthcare Network Success***

Fiberutilities Group LLC, a Cedar Rapids-based professional management company, was credited as being integral to the success of the recently launched *HealthNet Connect™* advanced fiber optic healthcare network in Iowa.

*HealthNet connect*, a 3,200 mile fiber optic network initiated by Iowa Health System, was made possible by \$7.8 million in funding received from the FCC sponsored Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP). Fiberutilities Group was retained by Iowa Health System to manage all aspects of the project, ranging from the application process for RHCPP funding, through network design, construction, implementation and daily network management.

“This network would not have been possible without the dedicated and experienced resources provided by Fiberutilities Group,” said Bill Leaver, President of Iowa Health System. “Fiberutilities Group was clearly the catalyst and the lynchpin of this network’s success. Their expertise allowed us to be one of the first networks of this type available to health care professionals.”

“Getting a network this size off the drawing board and operational in less than 12 months was a challenging task,” said Scot Eberle, President of Fiberutilities Group. “Our experience in balancing the complexities of federal funding programs with actual network deployment allowed us to keep this particular project moving forward as at a rapid pace.”

Fiberutilities Group specializes in helping public and private sector enterprises research, fund and implement privately-owned next generation voice and data networks. The company currently manages over 8,000 miles of client-owned network and has facilitated over \$35M in private network projects in the past 24 months.

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