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Fiberutilities Group LLC Facilitates $20M Fiber Optic Medical Network for Rural Nebraska

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA, December 08, 2010 -- Fiberutilities Group LLC announces its central role in attaining a federal funding commitment letter (FCL) for the deployment of a new $20M fiber optic medical network in Western Nebraska. Fiberutilities Group was retained by the Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network (RNHN), a consortium of nine rural hospitals and related clinics in western Nebraska to take the lead in planning, financing, operational and government coordination for the project.

Fiberutilities group took a leading role in attaining the successful funding for the project. Funds were attained under the Rural Health Care Pilot Program of the Federal Communications Commission to connect nine primary care hospitals and dozens of affiliated clinics. The funds will be used to create one of the most advanced and robust medical technology networks in Nebraska.

Almost two years of planning and project management were involved in arriving at the final stages of federal approvals through the Universal Services Administration Corporation. “This is exactly the sort of project at which Fiberutilities Group excels,” said Kent Van Metre, Vice President with Fiberutilities Group. “Working with the federal agencies and partnering with community-based health care organizations in order to create private fiber networks is our core business.”

“Fiberutilities Group brought everything to the table; industry expertise, engineering, design, financial modeling and project management,” said Todd Sorensen, President of Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network. “They demonstrated a unique and highly customized approach to our very complex project. There is no way we could have done this without them.”

In addition to its role in attaining funding for the project, Fiberutilities Group has been retained by Rural Nebraska Healthcare Network in an ongoing operations role.

“Various federal funding initiatives have enabled health care providers to vastly improve access to quality medical services in remote areas of the country,” said Scot Eberle, President of Fiberutilities Group. “The management of these projects can, however, be extremely complex. We are pleased to play a central role in delivering the benefits of these technologies to previously underserved communities.”

The project recently received final federal approvals through the Universal Services Administration Corporation. Construction begins this fall, with a planned completion date of fall 2011.

About Fiberutilities Group

Fiberutilities Group LLC, an Iowa based company, is a professional management, consulting and technology firm specializing in the development of privately owned fiber optic networks. Fiberutilities Group manages and operates over 8,000 miles of client-owned fiber optic networks including one of the largest private, client-owned, multi-gigabit Ethernet networks in the United States. Over the previous 24 months Fiberutilities group has facilitated more than $100 million of private, FCC and ARRA/BTOP-funded network projects.

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