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## **Broadband Speaker's Bureau Announced**

IMPACT 20/20 Taskforce for Broadband is announcing the launch of a Speaker's Bureau that will address topics relating to broadband. The Speaker's Bureau is available to speak on a variety of subjects including: the importance of broadband for rural America; broadband, rural health, and telemedicine; Universal Service Fund Reform; e-learning; broadband speed; and updates on current developments relating to broadband.

Available speakers include: Nancy Vyskocil, President, Northwest Minnesota Foundation; Dick Sjoberg, President, Sjoberg's Inc.; Gary Johnson, COO, Paul Bunyan Communications; Robert Hager, CEO, Border State Bank; Jack Geller, Department Head, Liberal Arts and Education Department and the EDA Center, University of Minnesota, Crookston; Jon Linnell, Executive Director, North Region Health Alliance; and Mike St. Onge, Regional Manager, Titan Machinery.

IMPACT 20/20 is a dedicated group of Northwest Minnesota leaders representing diverse interests and working together for the region's economic success. These leaders are passionate about Northwest Minnesota and its future as a place where people choose to live and do business. One of the group's current objectives is to increase access to affordable, high-speed broadband through reform of the Universal Service Fund, a critical step toward meeting the broadband infrastructure needs of Northwest Minnesota and other rural areas.

Organizations looking for a speaker on broadband issues are encouraged to contact Michelle Landsverk, IMPACT 20/20 Project Coordinator, 218-435-2834, or by emailing [info@impact2020.org](mailto:info@impact2020.org).

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