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Carroll announces broadband agreement

August 31, 2010 – Westminster, MD - Carroll County announced a partnership agreement with the Maryland Broadband Cooperative (MDBC) to provide business and service provider access to the county-owned fiber optic network. Carroll County Economic Development is looking to spur commercial and industrial business growth by providing a cost effective fiber network that businesses can access to meet their growing need for high-speed broadband services.

MDBC, based in Salisbury, MD, offers the expertise necessary to effectively lease the fiber and provides a vendor-neutral mechanism that allows any MDBC member to lease “dark fiber” to meet market demands. “MDBC brings about a statewide view of available fiber resources and customer requirements that enable it to put together cost-effective business proposals” said MDBC President Patrick Mitchell.

Director of Economic Development Larry Twele said "The Carroll County Fiber Network is a significant economic development initiative that will benefit the business community for years to come. With our own fiber optic network, high-speed broadband access will be more readily available and affordable. Carroll County is now better positioned to be more competitive for business attraction and better prepared to keep and grow our existing business base."

Additional information about the event can be found at www.carrollbiz.org/broadband.php.

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