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March 17, 2010

Ms. Marsha Weber
Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Weber:

I want to thank you for sending me the information regarding a potential application for the new Google experiment that may offer a 1-gigabit FTTH (fiber to the home) project. We are excited about the potential benefits that such a project would bring to the employees and students of Corning Community College.

As you know, Corning Community College is charged to provide educational services to citizens of Schuyler, Chemung and Steuben counties. Within our region many of our staff and students do not have broadband access which limits their opportunities to fully utilize the College's webpage and Internet-based courses that we provide. There would be no doubt in our minds that such access would greatly improve the success of our students and our ability to serve them.

You have my full support in the potential participation in the Google experiment and if selected our College would provide whatever technology assistance is needed. I would be happy to supply any further information that you may need in order to quality for this experiment.

Best wishes as we move forward on this exciting possibility.

Sincerely,

Floyd F. Amann, Ph.D.
President

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March 25, 2010

Dr. Eric E. Schmidt
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Google, Inc.
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Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am excited about Google's Fiber for Communities Project. As technology around the world grows exponentially, it is imperative our businesses and residents have high speed internet access.

Google's plan to build an ultra-high speed broadband network is admirable. Having internet access speeds which are 100 times faster than what most people have today will help America stay globally competitive.

Our community provides an ideal location to test Google's new network for three reasons. First, we are home to Corning Incorporated which is the world's leader in fiber optic manufacturing. Corning Incorporated has pledged its support for this project including an in-kind donation of fiber optic cable. Second, we have residents and businesses eager to have high speed broadband access to remain a vibrant, competitive community. And third, we have agencies such as Southern Tier Central Regional Planning Commission and local government staff with the capacity to help implement this project on a rapid basis.

I encourage Google to select our community as a test site for your Fiber to Communities Project. We are excited to partner with you.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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February 26, 2010

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Attn: Marcia Weber

Re: Google 1-gig fiber to the home project

This Letter of Support will confirm that the Southern Tier Economic Growth is in support of the Google 1-gig fiber to the home project that will be used to foster the development of broadband services throughout the region. Today the cost and lack of availability of broadband service in our area is limiting a company's abilities to roll out new technologies and provide a higher level of service to their clients.

In today's global economy the ability for businesses to communicate and transfer data around the world is critical to their success. Without the availability of reliable broadband service our businesses are at a disadvantage and our region will not be able to compete for new job growth and investment.

Furthermore a fiber connection will also provide our businesses and the region with eater workforce training opportunities by providing distance learning applications for employees and residents.

The offering of this Letter of Support indicates my desire to work with members of the project team to explore how my organization may be included in the STE/STC Region Fiber Backbone when it becomes available.

Sincerely,

George E. Miner
President