



# You're invited to the Southwest Minnesota Broadband Forum

## Thursday, September 16 • 1-2:30 p.m.

Join us for a discussion regarding the critical importance of broadband for our region.

As communities consider how to use American Recovery Act funds to support broadband investments, now is the time to ask:

- Where do broadband service gaps exist in Southwest Minnesota?
- What finance tools do local governments have to support broadband infrastructure?
- What state and federal grant programs are out there and how do we access them?

*City, county, and township elected officials; local government staff; and economic development professionals especially do not want to miss this important conversation!*

This **FREE** regional forum is being held virtually. If it is not feasible for you to participate from your home, office or other location, there will be viewing sites in Slayton, Appleton, and Willmar. Please contact Scott Marquardt at (320) 583-4629 for viewing location registration.

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