

# Broadband Vision & Principles

## *Blandin Foundation Broadband Strategy Board*

### ***Our Vision***

To ensure a high quality of life and a globally competitive future for its citizens, businesses and communities, Minnesota is committed to making the necessary investment to become a world leader in the universal deployment and use of ultra high-speed next generation broadband.

<b>Principle</b>	<b>Detail</b>
Ubiquity	Ultra high speed broadband needs to be available to everyone in Minnesota, including businesses, institutions, and individuals. <i>While ultimately all Minnesotans will need this service, this goal will necessarily be achieved in stages.</i>
Symmetry	Ultra high-speed broadband needs to provide symmetric speeds and facilitate source-to-source communication. <i>More communication in the future will be “two-way” as we work more from our homes.</i>
Affordable	Ultra high-speed broadband needs to be available at rates people can afford.
Competition	Competition among service providers should be encouraged. <i>Competition increases customer choice and promotes innovation.</i>
World Class	We must achieve world class state-of-the-art service based on global standards. <i>We cannot afford just to be better than our neighboring states.</i>
Collaboration	The deployment and utilization of ultra high-speed broadband is a challenging goal that can benefit from public and private entities working together.
Neutrality	Ultra high-speed broadband policy should be promoted regardless of the technology platform that delivers it. <i>The best technology for delivering ultra high-speed broadband may not have even been invented yet.</i>
Interoperability	Regardless of the technology used for ultra high-speed delivery, all systems must seamlessly interoperate with all other technologies.