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Ms. Deb Socia
Next Century Cities
200 18th St. NW
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Re: Membership to NexCenturyCities.org

Dear Ms. Socia:

I am excited to submit this letter from the City of Lawrence to request membership to NextCenturyCities.org, the six principles your organization is founded on are in keeping with the principles that Lawrence, Kansas has been practicing during our fiber journey.

Our efforts began with our own city buildings and the need for increasing bandwidth capabilities to the 65 buildings that the City of Lawrence own at more than 40 locations around our city. The City's need for sufficient bandwidth was not readily available, or were so costly we could not afford them. Today, we have 45 of our 65 buildings connected via City-owned fiber which has allowed us to improve our staff's capabilities in supporting the citizens of Lawrence.

The City previously hired CTC Technology and Energy to review our fiber efforts and Joanne Hovis produced recommendations for our future fiber strategies. The City has already partnered with Douglas County, Kansas University, Lawrence Public Schools, Lawrence Public Library and other area anchor institutions in sharing fiber and project costs. The City has recently approved a fiber policy and has offered excess fiber for lease, and two additional fiber companies have signed leases and are in the process of designing their strategies for Lawrence.

The resources NextCenturyCities.org offer are impressive and we look forward to our membership being mutually beneficial. Thank you for your efforts in assisting cities as we attempt to meet these challenges.

Sincerely,

Mike Amyx
Mayor

