



CASE STUDY

For small towns in rural Nebraska, high-speed Internet is critical to their growth and prosperity. Broadband positively impacts employment and economic growth. It also makes a huge difference in the quality of life and viability of a community.

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COMPANY

State of Nebraska

LOCATION

Lincoln, NE and various offices around the state

INDUSTRY

Government

Nebraska is a state that has room to grow in broadband speeds across the state. More than 20 percent of Nebraskans are only able to access download speeds of 25 mbps or less. This is not fast enough for many applications, including video streaming. Currently there is a large gap between speeds available in rural communities and those available in big cities. Great Plains Communications is working to close that gap.

One important reason higher Internet speeds are needed in rural Nebraska is the demand for telehealth services. In more rural parts of the state residents do not have access to a specialist since there isn't one in their area. Telehealth would allow these rural Nebraska residents to conduct video conferences with doctors, but often current Internet speeds cannot support these services. Ed Toner appreciates the efforts of Great Plains Communications to provide underserved areas with broadband services at reasonable rates.

“Great Plains Communications is willing to serve the areas that need broadband the most, reaching out more than other companies.”

ED TONER, CIO
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Another reason to increase bandwidth in rural Nebraska is the increase in work telecommuting. Faster Internet speeds would allow residents to work for a large company elsewhere and live in a small town, contributing to its economy. Great Plains Communications serves rural areas through our ever-expanding 9,500-mile fiber network, and will continue to advocate for the advancement of broadband in Nebraska.

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The State of Nebraska utilizes phone, Internet, and managed Ethernet services provided by Great Plains Communications. In addition, the state takes advantage of the large, statewide networks that connect locations back to its data centers in Scottsbluff, Grand Island, and Omaha.

"I appreciate their excellent quality of service. When we do have issues, the partnership between my team and the Great Plains Communications team is good. We always get fast responses from Great Plains Communications and they're easy to work with. They understand our concerns and address them promptly."

ED TONER, CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER
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Broadband in Nebraska **BY THE NUMBERS**

29.7
mbps average state-wide speed

37th
most connected state

15%
of the population is underserved

88.2%
of Nebraskans have access to
wired broadband service of 25
mbps or faster

18.4%
of Nebraskans have access to 1
gigabit broadband

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