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Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) Team Members to Assist Great Plains Communications with Broadband Deployment Project in Rural Herman, Nebraska

BLAIR, NE (September 23, 2019) Eric Carstenson, NTA President and Jamanda Wolfe, NTA Member Services Administrator will spend a few hours assisting [Great Plains Communications](#) with a broadband deployment project in rural Herman on Wednesday September 25th as part of the “Dirty Jobs With the NTA” program. The program highlights NTA member companies’ broadband deployment projects across the state.

The Herman project is a fiber deployment made possible by funding from the Nebraska Universal Service Fund (NUSF). The project consists of 60 miles of fiber which Great Plains Communications will deploy to deliver high speed Internet services to approximately 60 rural Herman residents.

“I’m very excited to spend a few hours helping Great Plains Communications on the Herman project. Rural broadband deployment is a priority for Great Plains Communications and other NTA member companies in Nebraska. I’d also like to thank the Nebraska Public Service Commission for providing broadband deployment funding through the NUSF for the project,” said Eric Carstenson, NTA President.

Gregg Ptacnik, Senior Director of Operations with Great Plains Communications added the following. “We are excited to be undertaking this project because it will benefit rural Herman residents by providing quality high-speed Internet services they are currently lacking in this community. This project is a great example of the importance of our partnership with the Nebraska Public Service Commission as we work together to advance high-speed Internet access to Nebraskans in all parts of the state.”

About Great Plains Communications

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately-owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska, delivering high speed Internet, cable television, and voice services to over 90 communities across the state. The company also prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of all regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, wireless carriers and other service providers

utilizing superior engineering and custom build strategies. At the core of its service offering is an extensive 11,500-mile regional fiber network, including over 500 fiber miles in the Omaha Metro area. The network extends beyond Nebraska into Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, South Dakota, and Wyoming, offering community access rings, last-mile, and middle-mile solutions, all fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. For more information visit www.gpcom.com.

About Nebraska Telecommunications Association

The Nebraska Telecommunications Association (NTA) represents the local telecommunications industry in Nebraska. Our members provide quality, affordable and reliable communication services to all Nebraskans. From urban to rural areas the services our members provide grow our communities by investing in critical communications infrastructure that empowers Nebraskans to connect and compete on a global level. NTA members are committed to accelerating deployment of broadband across Nebraska.

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