Great Plains Communications Announces High-Speed Fiber-Optic Broadband Now Available in Blair, Nebraska

Construction completion means Gig by Gig Internet speeds are now available to all homes and businesses in Blair, Nebraska

Blair, Nebraska, April 5, 2022 — <u>Great Plains Communications</u> (GPC), the Midwestern telecommunications provider with a growing, privately-owned 13,500+ mile fiber network reaching 13 states, announced the completion of its fiber-optic infrastructure build in Blair, Nebraska. Business and residential customers throughout Blair now have access to symmetrical gigabit internet services and enhanced fiber-driven products and services.

"There's an overwhelming demand for more and more bandwidth to accommodate remote working environments, online learning, advanced telehealth initiatives and e-commerce with fiber being the key driver to enable these platforms," said Todd Foje, CEO of Great Plains Communications. "We are proud to offer our hometown reliable, symmetrical fiber broadband services and technologies and position Blair as a fiber-rich community, positioned well for the future."

Businesses now have access to fiber-driven services including internet with speeds up to 10 Gbps, managed Ethernet, GPC Cloud Connect, GPC Smarter Business Security, GPC Managed WiFi, and multiple voice options. Residential services include internet speeds up to 1 Gbps, GPC iTV streaming video and GPC Whole Home WiFi powered by Plume Home Pass.

Aaron Barrow, Blair Assistant City Administrator had this to say. "Completion of fiber to the home and business network is a major milestone for the City of Blair. These fast, reliable fiber-driven services will allow all Blair homes and businesses to have the latest and most reliable services available and will allow us to attract future residents and businesses. We thank Great Plains Communications for making this investment in our community."

About Great Plains Communications

Great Plains Communications is one of the largest privately-owned digital infrastructure providers in the Midwest and is headquartered in Blair, Nebraska. It has over a century of experience providing business and residential customers in Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Southeastern Indiana communities with forward-thinking, fiber-based technology services including high-speed internet, Ethernet, video, hosted and traditional voice solutions. The company also takes pride in its 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, MEF-certified 16,500+ mile regional fiber network that reaches 13 states: Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. The network offers community access rings, last-mile and

middle-mile solutions, all fully supported by the company's 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. For more information, visit www.gpcom.com.

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