I'm writing to invite you or your representative to participate as a member of the newly formed Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation Broadband Commission.

The Lincoln County Broadband Commission is a non-governmental organization of representatives from Lincoln County private sector, county and local governments, educational institutions, businesses, and other entities who will lead and coordinate efforts to improve and expand broadband telecommunications services and availability in Lincoln County. We are excited about the diverse expertise, perspectives, and abilities that Commission members will bring to this critical, but currently unserved or underserved, need in our county.

The commission will hold an introductory meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 PM, on Thursday, September 14, 2023, in Room 255/257/260 at the Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill. In-person attendance is preferred; however, if that isn't possible, you may participate virtually by internet or telephone: Meeting ID meet.google.com/vvz-szuh-ipi, Phone Numbers (

The agenda for the meeting is:

- Welcoming remarks
- Purpose of introductory meeting
- Introductions of participants
- Explanation of commission roles, responsibilities, and expectations
- Commission membership
- Status of current Lincoln County broadband efforts
- Election of Broadband Commission:
 - ➤ Chair
 - Vice Chair
 - Secretary
- Establish quorum requirements
- Determine frequency of meetings
- Agenda for next meeting

Please feel free to contact me via telephone or email at 715-539-1024, ecdev.lincolnco.wi@gmail.com or Ken Wickham at 715-360-0912, Ken.Wickham@col.lincoln.wi.us if you have questions or would like additional information.

I also request that you please RSVP to Ken or me by September 13, 2023.

Sincerely, Both Baleche