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Low-cost Internet Service

Marketing materials were sent out in November to all pilot properties, with the exception of Kennedy Heights. At the end of December, there are 25 pre-orders, with the expectation of receiving more pre-orders once 100+ returned mailings addresses are resolved. Tom Merkes from ResTech is leading the effort. He has contractors walking the properties to validate addresses.

Kennedy Heights Apartments – Paul Kronberger sent a letter to Charter, describing the proposed services, how these will be offered, and what marketing techniques will be used. To date, the City of Madison has not received permission to move ahead with the Connecting Madison project at the Kennedy Heights apartments without violating the exclusive agreements in place between Charter and Kennedy Heights ownership. However, DaneNet is providing digital literacy training and has provided 48 PCs to date. We anticipate receiving the 2017 schedule from DaneNet soon.

Allied Drive NRT Area – Installation of backbone conduit/fiber and laterals are complete. Electronics have been ordered.

Darbo/Worthington NRT Area - Installation of backbone conduit/fiber and laterals are complete. The "head-end" equipment has been installed and currently completing bench testing through DSLAMS and modems. The distributed electronics installation on the Darbo/Worthington property is scheduled for installation beginning 1/10/17. Data, TV and Telephone service is expected to be turned up mid-January 2017.

Brentwood NRT Area – Backbone fiber was completed into the property. ResTech is working with pre-order customers and property owners to complete signatures for right of entry for each building. Distributed electronics were ordered for this property.

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Education Services

DANEnet continues to offer free digital literacy workshops at Madison community centers and other anchor institutions which covers basic computer skills, consumer safety, internet privacy, email, cloud storage and basic office software. Additionally, DANEnet also includes Device Fix IT clinics which repair and support computers and hardware owned by households without the means to fix them.

Please see the following links for the latest information regarding digital equity class schedule and repair clinic locations

http://everyoneonmadison.org/

Free Refurbished Computers

On November 18, 2016 DANEnet distributed 48 computers at the Kennedy Heights Community Center. DANE net and Cascade are working together on the next deployment and class schedule. This will be coordinated with ResTech and the service availability dates.