Minnesota company assists in efforts to increase rural Missouri broadband access
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A St. Paul based communications consulting company is assisting in efforts to determine additional broadband internet needs in Missouri. Senior Engineer Dick Nielsen of CBG Communications was in Trenton last week regarding findings in the 11 county area served by the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission.
The information was based on input from various sectors. Strategic plans from the Green Hills and 18 other regions of the state are to be merged for a statewide plan. Dick Nielsen explains:

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Nielsen talks about the strengths and weaknesses in the Green Hills area:

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Nielsen said federal stimulus money to expand fiber optics cable has been spoken for. He indicated there is consideration about redirecting money from a fee on landline telephones to be used for broadband purposes:

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The communications consulting company engineer said Missouri is not in "terrible" shape, but there is a ways to go:

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He reviewed the need for broadband:

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That is Dick Nielsen of CBG Communications of St. Paul, Minnesota. The Green Hills Regional Planning Commission has been coordinating efforts to determine broadband needs in this area.

About 15 people representing such areas as banking, education, health care, and libraries attended a Wednesday meeting at the Green Hills Regional Planning Commission offices in Trenton. The meeting involved strategic plans for area broadband access.