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MN Broadband Task Force Debates 1 Gbps Speeds



Providers say that's too fast to demand that they keep up

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Earlier this year the state of Minnesota created the Ultra High-Speed Broadband Task Force which is tasked with a goal of trying to create a broadband strategy that will allow Minnesota to be a competitive state in terms of broadband service now and over the course of the next five or ten years. The [first item](#) on the agenda for this task force is to debate what exactly is meant by "ultra high speed" broadband so that they can start pinpointing the level of service that they should seek to provide. Right now the target goal seems to be for 1 Gbps speeds to be available throughout the state by 2015. However, this goal relies on the participation of major service providers. In most of the state, that means that [Comcast and Qwest](#) have to get on board to offer those speeds and right now they aren't in agreement with the state.