



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER #178**

Relating to the Governor's Blue Ribbon Telecommunications Infrastructure Task Force

WHEREAS, I am committed to ensuring that Wisconsin's telecommunications infrastructure is superior in meeting the needs of the citizens and businesses of this state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TOMMY G. THOMPSON, Governor of the State of Wisconsin, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of this State, and specifically by Wisconsin Statute section 14.019, do hereby:

1. Establish the Governor's Blue Ribbon Telecommunications Infrastructure Task Force.
2. Provide that the Task Force shall consist of not more than thirty-five members, appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. A Chairperson and Vice-chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the membership.
3. Direct the Task Force to:
  - a. Formulate a working definition of the telecommunications infrastructure and develop a statewide telecommunications infrastructure vision for Wisconsin.
  - b. Identify the participants and stakeholders in the development of the telecommunications infrastructure.
  - c. Undertake an assessment of customer needs and expectations that may be addressed by telecommunications infrastructure enhancements.
  - d. Assess the current state of the telecommunications infrastructure in Wisconsin.
  - e. Assess conclusions and pertinent data from resources currently available such as other state and national infrastructure studies.
  - f. Evaluate the current pace of investment in the telecommunications infrastructure in Wisconsin.
  - g. Identify barriers to achieving the statewide infrastructure vision.

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