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**Communities encourage citizens, businesses and organizations
to check out Google application**

LENOIR – The communities of Lenoir and Hickory, counties of Catawba and Caldwell, and the towns and cities in between and close by were one of 1,100 communities to submit an application for the Google Fiber to the Home (FTTH) Request for Information (RFI) on March 26.

“Our application is www.googlehickorylenoir.com and it has become our resume to Google,” said Lenoir City Manager Lane Bailey. “The resume tells our story on how this project could help transform our community into a technology hub in the south, add to our economic development tool box, enhance community organizations, assist the medical community, and provide endless education opportunities for citizens of all ages – from school children to retirees.”

The experimental network that Google would build would provide a broadband connection that is more than 100 times faster than the current connection. Communities along the U.S. 321 corridor, which is also part of the North Carolina Data Center Corridor, joined together to submit an application to Google. The momentum began while building the resume between mid-February to late March when community meetings were held, focus groups met, and government agencies worked together to put together the Google FTTH request. The momentum continues as citizens read the online resume that includes the community’s story on how this project could transform the area, demographics, business opportunities, community organizations, and how the community has continued to persevere during extremely difficult economic times.

“There is a lot to learn about our communities on the resume and whether or not you have an interest in the project or do not know how it would enhance our community, we encourage everyone to take time to visit the website to learn more,” added Bailey.

To stay up to date on the Hickory/Lenoir Google project, join the more than 6,400 fans on the Woogle Hickory Lenoir Facebook page or check the websites of the surrounding local governments.

According to the Google, a community will be chosen by the end of 2010.

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