

OTTAWA, KANSAS

BROADBAND NETWORK

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HISTORY OF THE OTTAWA NETWORK

In 2012, Franklin County Development Council, City of Ottawa, and Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce Conducted Survey of Existing Industrial Businesses to Determine Constrictions

Access to Affordable, High-Speed Broadband Was Identified by Multiple Businesses as a Primary Need

City of Ottawa/Franklin County Development Council Met With Existing Internet Service Providers to Try to Alleviate Issues

Not Able to Resolve Issues, City Decided to Create Their Own Network Incorporated As Part of City Electric Utility

SIDEBAR

In Today's Business Environment, Access to High Speed Internet Is No Longer a Luxury; It is as Important as Access to Transportation Infrastructure and Traditional Utilities.

NETWORK STRUCTURE

Launched in Spring of 2013

Partnership With Existing Public Partners Infrastructure to Create Network Backbone (City, County, School District)

Electric Power Plant Provides 24 x 7 Network Monitoring

Electric Department Lineman Trained to Hang Fiber

City Information Technology Staff (Along With Multiple Other Third Parties) Provide Technical Support to Customers

500 Mbps Network (Originally 250 Mbps Network When Launched)

NETWORK CUSTOMERS

- Customers Located in Ottawa City Limits
- 13 Customers Currently on Network
- City, County, School District, Community College
- Industrial Customers in NE Ottawa Industrial Park
- Downtown Commercial Businesses
- Local Public Service Entities

WHAT THE NETWORK Is

- Provider of Affordable High Speed Network to Existing Ottawa Industrial/Commercial Businesses
- Locally Operated And Monitored Utility
- Tool to Assist Existing Franklin County Businesses Meet Needs
- Tool to Help Meet Needs for New Businesses Recruited Into Region

WHAT THE NETWORK IS NOT

- Replacement for Private Industry Broadband Service
- “End All-Be All” for Broadband Service County-Wide (Existing Infrastructure Limited to Existing Industrial Park, Certain Locations Throughout Ottawa Community)
- Lowest Cost Provider of Internet Service
- Residential Customer Internet Service Provider
- Money Making Venture for City (Designed for Break-Even With Income Reinvested in Network)

QUESTIONS?

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