

## TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE TASK FORCE

The Angelou Report identified the large role connectivity plays in helping Lincoln become and remain a globally competitive city for 21<sup>st</sup> century jobs. The Technology Infrastructure Task Force recognized from the onset, the impact 1-gigabit fiber capabilities to every home and business would have both to the functionality and national perception of Lincoln. The Task Force's initial recommendation centered around a public/private partnership that would utilize the City of Lincoln's existing conduit system to help a private sector provider afford the ability to offer high speed fiber service in Lincoln.

In light of the recent acquisition of Allo Communications by Nelnet and the subsequent announcement of a Fiber-to-the-Home project, the Technology Infrastructure Task Force makes the following recommendation:

*A small working group should be formed to examine, guide, and recommend ways in which 1-gig service can be used to showcase Lincoln's status as an elite, wired community. The working group should be composed of end users, big thinkers, strategists, and community builders. Their goal should be to formulate a community plan of action aimed at capitalizing on abilities ultra-fast internet provides Lincoln.*

No community ultimately succeeds simply because of a piece of wire in the ground. The next step will be to find a way to utilize and promote this public/private investment.