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Opportunity for Additional Fiber-Optic Internet is HERE!

April 26, 2017 – The Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation (MCEDC) has made great efforts in the quest to bring a full service fiber-optic internet provider to our region.

CTI, an innovative company founded in 1998 with a vision to bring high caliber technology to the community of Taylorville, is interested in expanding in Montgomery County!

Fiber to the home, or FTTH, is a brand new network of fiber optic cables that are a fast and dependable way to receive communications directly to your home or business. This fiber is durable and able to withstand the elements in order to ensure fast, reliable service. CTI provides fiber-optic internet service, and bundle packages for internet, phone and TV. For information on CTI services and pricing, please visit their website at <http://ww2.ctitech.com/>.

Rural America continues to rely more and more on internet and technology. According to the Hudson Institute in their publication "The Economic Impact of Rural Broadband" by Hanns Kuttner, "The amount of data moved across networks has grown from 100 Gigabytes a day in 1992, to 100 a second in 2002, to 16,144 a second in 2014." That number will only continue to grow as our dependency on the internet increases.

Now is our opportunity to take action and let CTI know that we urgently need reliable, fast internet.

For CTI to expand their services to Montgomery County, we need to prove that we have a strong interest for their services. Montgomery County needs to show a 20% take rate, in any of the four large communities (Raymond, Nokomis, Hillsboro or Litchfield) in order for CTI to commit to building fiber-optic service in that area. Take rate refers to the number of households/businesses in a community that are interested in acquiring a fiber provider and will most likely sign up for service once it becomes available. This is not a contract. By electronically filling out this online form, CTI will know there is a strong desire for fiber optic internet service and it is healthy for them expand their business in Montgomery County.

Visit <http://ww2.ctitech.com/montgomerycounty/>, click "I'm Interested" and fill out the online form. The 20% take rate needs to be met in at least one of the large communities (Raymond, Nokomis, Hillsboro or Litchfield) by June 9th for Montgomery County to be eligible for CTI expansion in this area.

At our current rate of movement on this project, community members could experience actual fiber-optic TO THE PREMISES (business, home, school, institutions) with a build that will start January 2018.

For updates, please follow MCEDC-Montgomery County Economic Development Corporation on Facebook or visit our website at <https://www.montgomerycountyillinois.org/fiber-optic-project>.

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