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Information Release – KCDC Releases Community Broadband Standards Report

May 2, 2011 – KCDC today released a new report that provides important information for northern and rural program planners and economic developers. The Community Broadband Standards Report summarizes broadband information technology applications, suggests their bandwidth requirements, discusses broadband access technologies, and considers ownership of local networks to deliver broadband.

The report is timely for Saskatchewan as northern, First Nation, and rural communities are looking at ways to use information technology to support education, health, and economic development. Research and development of the report was funded by Health Canada – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

KCDC is emailing the report to its network of contacts in Saskatchewan which includes federal and provincial officers, Sask Tel and provincial crowns, community leaders, educators, the health sector, and the private sector. The Community Broadband Standards Report is also available for download at KCDC's web site: www.kcdc.ca.

KCDC is currently working on a plan and proposals to research and develop information technology assessments for the communities of northern Saskatchewan. The community reports will determine the applications that can be utilized based on the criteria established in the Standards Report.

KCDC is a non-profit organization based in La Ronge, Saskatchewan. Its mission is to research and develop ways of using information and communication technology for the social economic benefit of residents of Northern Saskatchewan.

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