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## **Lt. Governor Judge Celebrates \$16.2 Million ICN Grant**

*ICN's project will enhance communications for Iowa counties*

DES MOINES – Lt. Governor Patty Judge delivered remarks today at a celebration formally congratulating the Iowa Communications Network (ICN) on a \$16.2 million Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant, established through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

The grant awarded to ICN will enable Iowa Emergency Management to use advanced web-based emergency management applications and provide Iowa's Department of Public Safety with reliable, statewide, high-speed connections to local law enforcement agencies and public safety access points.

"As Iowa's Homeland Security Advisor, this project is one I am particularly proud of and excited to see carried out because it will help law enforcement to respond to emergencies better and more quickly," Judge said. "And as someone who considers herself a rural Iowan, I'm thrilled to see more progress being made in furthering rural access to broadband technology, a feeling I know Governor Culver shares with me." The Lt. Governor also thanked Congressman Leonard Boswell for his role in making sure this opportunity existed for Iowa.

The ICN project stands to benefit over 4,500 community institutions across all of Iowa. Of the 99 counties in the state, 17 are economically distressed and will be served by this project. Approximately 100 jobs will be created initially.

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