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Gov. Parkinson To Study Broadband In Kansas

Gov. Mark Parkinson has created a 24-member

task force to help make highspeed Internet access available throughout Kansas.

The group includes industry representatives, as well as members of the public who use broadband connections in their work, including public safety. Parkinson also asked the secretaries of agriculture and commerce to serve, and legislative leaders will appoint four members.

Parkinson named the group on Thursday.

Kansas has been awarded \$174 million in federal stimulus grants and loans to expand broadband connections. The state's program, called Connect Kansas, is currently mapping access statewide.

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