



Creating E-Based Jobs in Rural North Dakota



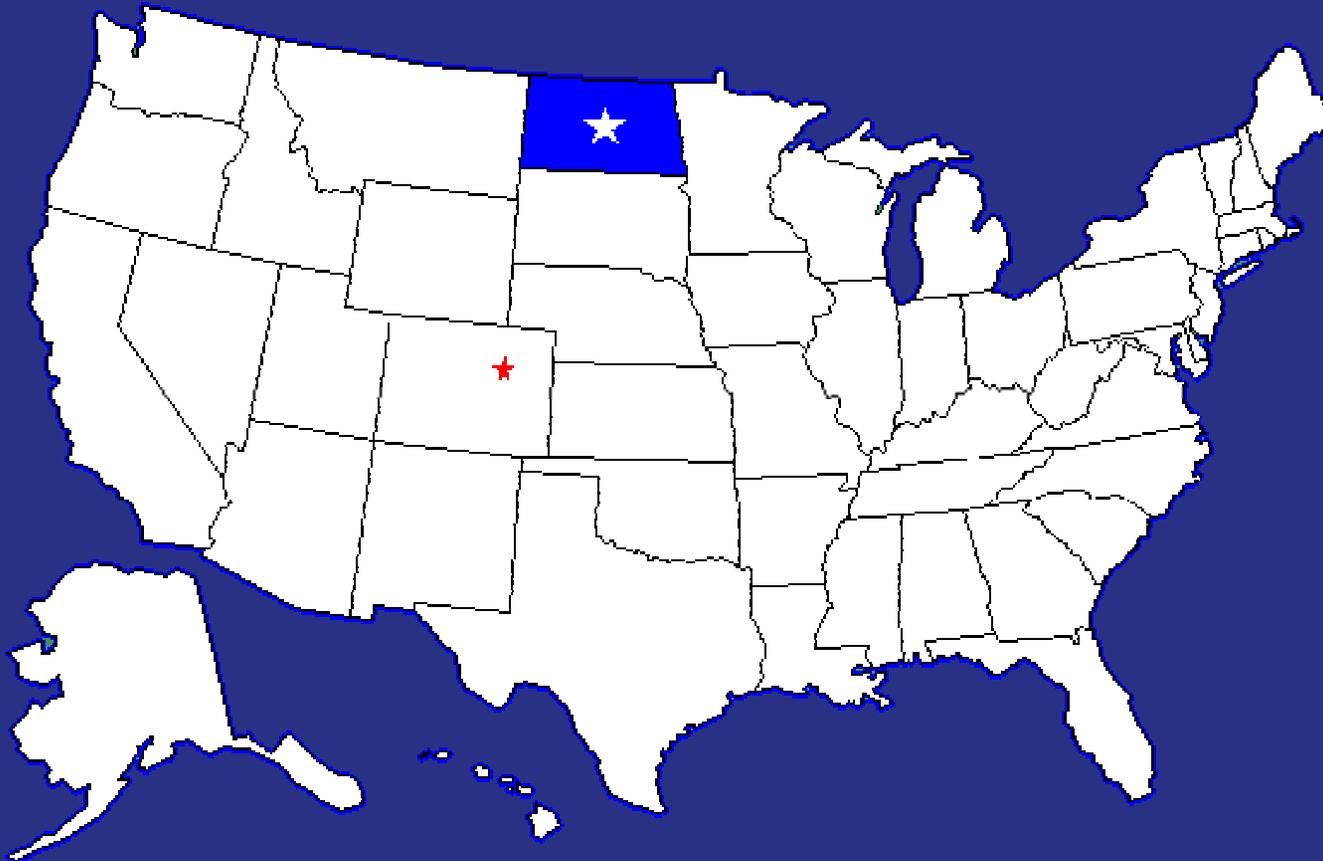
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A Non-profit Company

North Dakota



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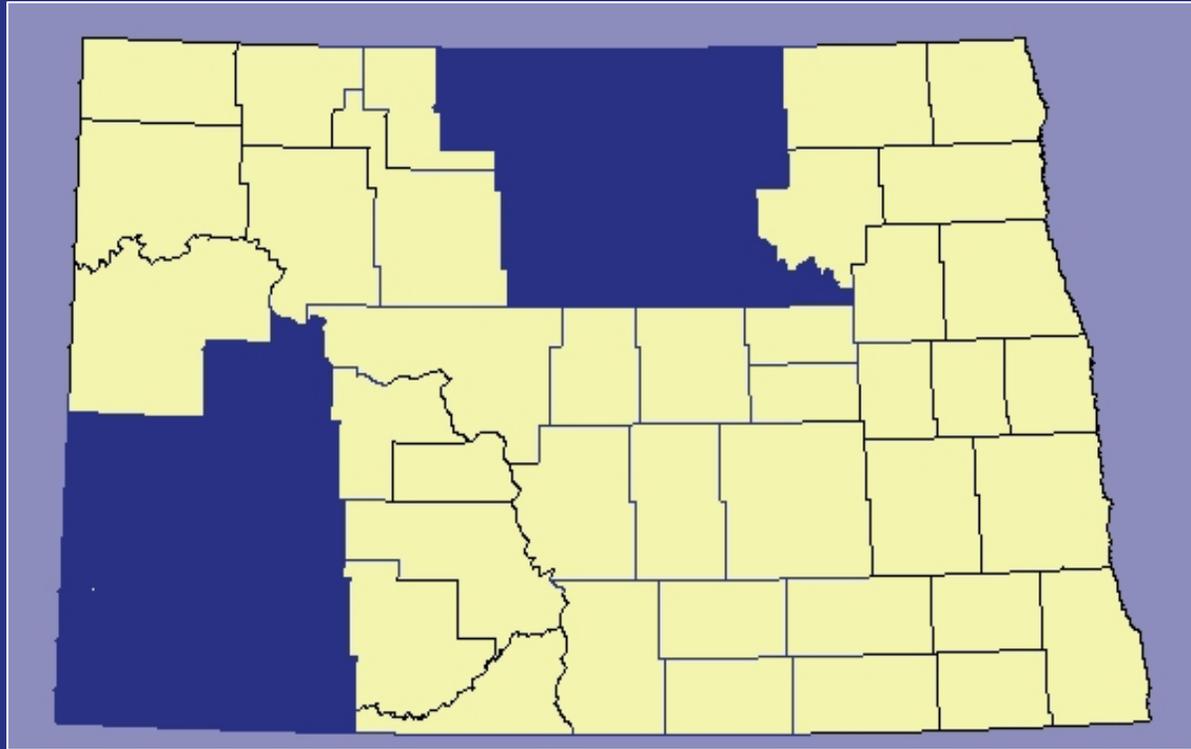
Why Return to North Dakota?

- Outdoor Recreation Paradise
- People – People – People (642,000)
- Low Cost Structure
- Security (Safe)

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REAP Zones



*Research/ Invest in Opportunities to attain
social/ economic improvements.*

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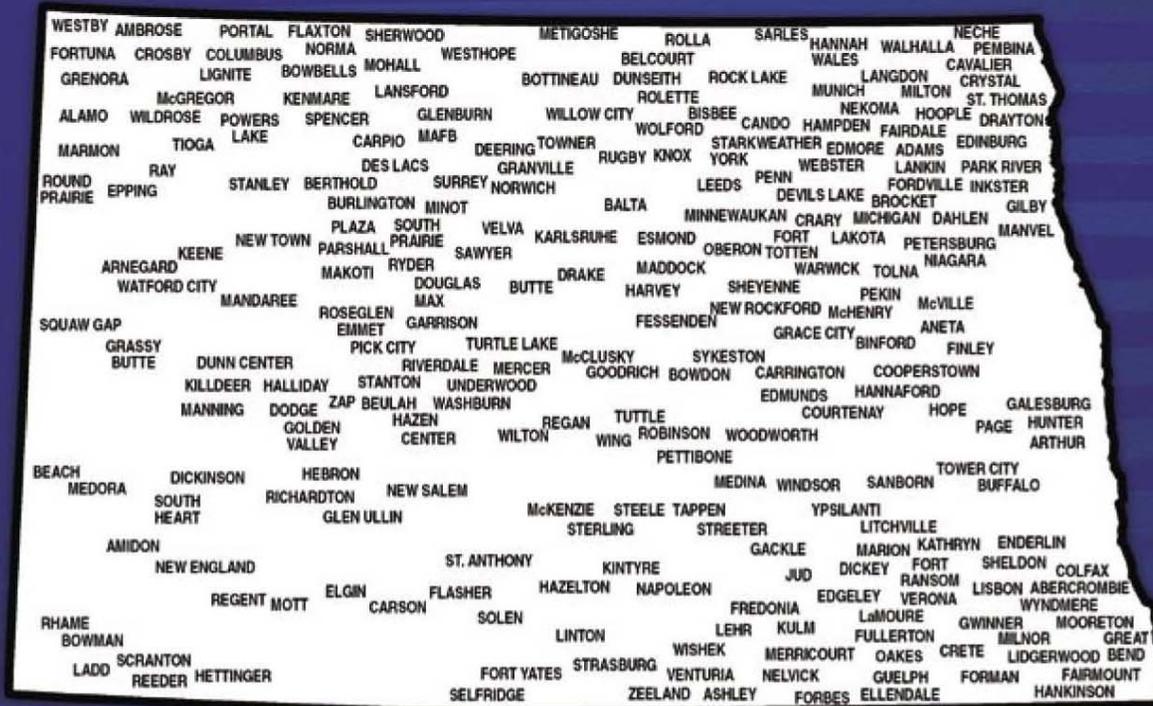
Objectives

- Create Jobs or Wealth
- Attain New Funding and Partners
- Become Self-Sustainable

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Create E-Based Jobs in Rural North Dakota



IF YOU WANT HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND IN NORTH DAKOTA...
...You Must Live Near One Of These Towns
(JUST ABOUT ANYWHERE)



North Dakota Association of
Telecommunications Cooperatives
www.ndatc.com

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Information Technology Industries in North Dakota

- Number of Firms > 400
- Employment > 7,500
- Avg. Annual Wages > \$40,000

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Why North Dakota?

- Motivated and Educated Workforce
- Cost-effective Environment
- Robust IT Infrastructure
- Security

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- Sub Contractor – 2 Major Medicare Contracts
- Process Medicare Part B Forms
 - Verification
 - Correction
 - Validation

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- Located in 2 Rural Communities
- 66 Employees
- Additional Site Opening Soon

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- File Transmitted via T1 Line
- Employees Access Documents from Server
- Contractor Scans Document
- Employees Verify, Correct, Validate
- TechLink Transmits Completed Work via T1 Line

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Other Potential Rural E-Businesses

- Sales Offices
- Medical Transcription
- Data Storage
- Data Security Systems
- Call Centers
- “Real-Life Doll Heads”

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North Dakota is Perfect for E-Based Jobs



- People – People – People
- Low Cost Structure
- Security



