

**ARTICLE..**

**BROADBAND**

Section 1. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

The sums shown in the columns under "Appropriations" are added to or, if shown in parentheses, subtracted from the appropriations in Laws 2015, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, or other law to the specified agencies. The appropriations are from the general fund, or another named fund, and are available for the fiscal years indicated for each purpose. The figure "2017" used in this article means that the appropriations listed under it are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

	<b><u>APPROPRIATIONS</u></b>	
	<b><u>Available for the Year</u></b>	
	<b><u>Ending June 30</u></b>	
	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>

Sec. 2. **DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.**

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**Border-To-Border Broadband Development Program.** (a) \$85,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 is appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for deposit in the border-to-border broadband fund account created under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.396, and may be used for the purposes provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) Of the appropriation in paragraph (a), up to two percent of this amount is for costs incurred by the commissioner to administer Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.395. Administrative costs may include the following activities related to measuring progress toward the state's broadband goals established in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.012:

2.1 (1) collecting broadband deployment data  
2.2 from Minnesota providers, verifying its  
2.3 accuracy through on-the-ground testing, and  
2.4 creating state and county maps available  
2.5 to the public showing the availability of  
2.6 broadband service at various upload and  
2.7 download speeds throughout Minnesota;  
2.8 (2) analyzing the deployment data collected  
2.9 to help inform future investments in  
2.10 broadband infrastructure; and  
2.11 (3) conducting business and residential  
2.12 surveys that measure broadband adoption  
2.13 and use in the state.  
2.14 (c) Data provided by a broadband provider  
2.15 under this paragraph is nonpublic data  
2.16 under Minnesota Statutes, section 13.02,  
2.17 subdivision 9. Maps produced under this  
2.18 paragraph are public data under Minnesota  
2.19 Statutes, section 13.03.