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CENTER FOR FRESHWATER EXPLORATION

January 11, 2005

Jeff Mantes  
Commissioner of Public Works  
841 No. Broadway  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53202

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Dear Jeff:

As you know, we have recently had discussions with Jerry Froh of the Department of Public Works regarding Pier Wisconsin's desire to have fiber optic service at the new Pier Wisconsin Center.

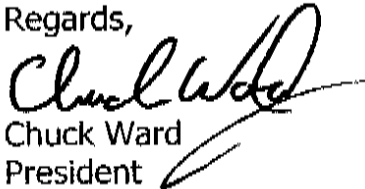
We are currently finalizing a relationship between the center and the Milwaukee Area Technical College / Milwaukee Public Television that will provide educational and public television programming at the new center. This effort would be greatly enhanced if we are linked to the city's fiber network.

In addition to being a museum complex, the Pier Wisconsin Center will also house a high school, provide joint public programs offered by Pier Wisconsin and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, and offer many other educational opportunities. We are also partnered with the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee for many of our programs.

I believe that the benefit to the public in providing a fiber connection to Pier Wisconsin from an educational view is apparent. It is my understanding that Milwaukee World Festival, Inc. is also very interested in connecting to the fiber network. This would present the opportunity for a possible joint effort, since we are neighbors and both lease holders on city-owned property.

I would ask your assistance in moving this project forward, as our construction sequencing, along with the coming festival season, clearly necessitate an expeditious approach.

Regards,

  
Chuck Ward  
President

cc: Chuck Aumann, Pier Wisconsin IT Director  
Don Smiley, Milwaukee World Festival, Inc.  
Chuck Janzer, ATS