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**Surf Internet Welcomes Jeremia Holmes-Ploor as Assistant Director of Special Funding**

The new appointment is set to boost broadband expansion in the Great Lakes region.

ELKHART, Ind. (June 25, 2024) – Surf Internet®, a leading provider of fiber-optic broadband services, is pleased to announce the appointment of Jeremia Holmes-Ploor as the new Assistant Director of Special Funding. Holmes-Ploor will play a pivotal role in securing grant funding to expand Surf Internet’s broadband services across the Great Lakes region.

In his new role, Holmes-Ploor will focus on building relationships with local stakeholders to secure vital grant dollars. His role demands significant community involvement and engagement. “Successful grant funding requires relationship-building with local stakeholders,” explained Holmes-Ploor. “I look forward to working with the community to make Surf’s broadband internet even more widely available. It is these relationships, their stories, and being part of something meaningful that I look forward to most.”

Holmes-Ploor brings a wealth of experience in securing grant funding within the broadband communications sector. Having lived in the Great Lakes region for most of his life, he possesses a deep understanding of the communities Surf serves. His background in grant writing, financial analysis, cross-functional collaboration, and process improvement makes him uniquely qualified for this role.

Holmes-Ploor will work closely with Surf’s Director of Special Funding, Steve Carender. Carender is eager to witness firsthand Holmes-Ploor’s impact on Surf’s mission. “I am so thrilled to add Jeremia to our team,” said Carender. “His skills, background, and enthusiasm for Surf’s premiere fiber-optic offering will serve our efforts well in bringing broadband to more homes across the Midwest.”

With Holmes-Ploor on board, Surf Internet is poised to accelerate its mission of providing reliable, high-speed internet access to underserved communities in the Great Lakes region. This appointment underscores Surf’s dedication to bridging the digital divide and fostering connectivity for all.

**About Surf Internet**

Surf Internet is an innovative fiber-optic internet company that serves as the essential gateway to connectivity across the Great Lakes region of Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. The company is building a bridge to the wide-open future by delivering high-speed, reliable internet to homes and businesses in underserved, rural communities. Surf’s 200-plus-person team is local, giving them an edge when it comes to customer care and advocacy for the region. Headquartered in Elkhart, Ind., Surf also has offices in La Porte, Ind., Byron Center and Fowlerville, Mich., and Coal City, Naperville, and Rock Falls, Ill. Learn more at <https://surfinternet.com>.

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