

**116J.037 CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC-COMMERCE-READY CITIES AND COUNTIES.**

A county or statutory or home rule charter city of Minnesota shall be designated an electronic-commerce-ready city or county by the Department of Employment and Economic Development and may be annually recertified as an electronic-commerce-ready city or county if it:

(1) has formed effective public-private partnerships with communication providers, the business community, banks, schools, health care, government, and nonprofit social and service organizations to become electronic commerce ready;

(2) makes available training and continuing education to develop an electronic-commerce-ready workforce;

(3) develops a plan for electronic commerce readiness that reflects resource integration across economic and government sectors, including current and future investments by business, government, education, and health care to achieve cooperative community and economic development benefits;

(4) uses local funding sources to catalyze and sustain information technology investments to adapt to new business priorities as electronic commerce grows; and

(5) maintains public access sites to ensure access to electronic commerce applications and community networking tools, such as electronic mail.

**History:** 1999 c 223 art 2 s 17; 1Sp2003 c 4 s 1