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The Southwest Florida Regional Technology Partnership (www.SWF RTP.org) is a collaboration of private sector technology companies, regional higher education, and economic development organizations whose mission is to grow the technology sector in our area.

As a regional organization, we support every application submitted by Southwest Florida government units. We point out that our area is in relatively early stages of developing ultra-high speed service infrastructure, and Google's project would serve as a catalyst with conceivably substantial regional impact.

Speaking for our partners and our membership, we encourage Google to recognize the significant role it could play in attracting global attention to the growing technology cluster in Southwest Florida.

We believe this Google project "to experiment and learn," could be transformational, and that Southwest Florida - which is generally known for its sunny climate and sub-tropical tourism -- would be a welcoming environment in which Google and its advanced technology would have a high profile.

We wish Google every success with this pilot program.

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