



Justin Forde

Vice President of Government Relations

Justin Forde is Midco's lead Government Relations representative and oversees the company's Government Relations Team. This team is responsible for Midco's Government Relations in Washington, D.C., as well as at the state and local level. Forde and his team work at the state level in Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. He often represents Midco and the industry before Congress and other federal agencies. He speaks frequently both regionally and nationally on broadband and closing the digital divide. Forde came to Midco in 2014 as the Director of Public Affairs. Before joining Midco, he worked for U.S. Senator John Hoeven, as the Development Manager for the Bismarck State College Foundation and served as Assistant Director of Marketing for North Dakota State University Athletics.

Forde has close relationships within the communities Midco serves, as he is passionate about civic leadership and partnerships. He serves on several boards, including the Greater North Dakota Chamber, the Minnesota Cable Communications Association, the Kansas Cable Telecommunications Association, the Technology Council of North Dakota, the North Dakota Community Foundation, as well as several other nonprofit boards and community organizations. Forde earned his bachelor's degree from Northern State University and his master's degree from Florida State University. He and his wife Renee have three children and live on a small farm near Argusville, North Dakota.