

Income Statement

	Historical		Forecast Period				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Revenues							
Network Services Revenues:							
Local Voice Service	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Broadband Data	10,113,218	10,806,827	11,008,700	11,923,900	12,751,099	13,613,399	14,186,599
Video Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Network Access Service Revenues	1,319,205	1,955,501	2,283,600	2,562,000	2,818,200	3,100,020	3,410,022
Universal Service Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toll Service/Long Distance Voice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Installation Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Operating Revenues	1,209,067	1,981,091	1,599,600	1,623,800	1,715,600	1,816,600	1,872,200
Other Revenues (Grant Proceeds)	610,843	535,367	387,600	20,900,800	20,804,300	20,700,200	71,900
Uncollectible Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	13,252,333	15,278,786	15,279,500	37,010,500	38,089,199	39,230,219	19,540,721
Expenses							
Backhaul	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Network Maintenance/Monitoring	1,795,338	1,619,910	928,800	1,013,488	1,192,664	1,344,440	1,374,140
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leasing	5,618,190	6,268,923	7,784,700	7,977,000	8,442,800	8,679,200	8,928,300
Sales/Marketing	1,242,471	1,213,467	1,045,800	1,066,000	1,087,300	1,109,000	1,131,200
Customer Care	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Billing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Corporate G&A	757,925	1,010,177	919,800	829,600	874,700	920,100	937,000
Other Operating Expense	246,747	376,263	79,200	82,376	83,900	85,500	87,100
Total	9,660,671	10,488,740	10,758,300	10,968,464	11,681,364	12,138,240	12,457,740
EBITDA	3,591,662	4,790,046	4,521,200	26,042,036	26,407,835	27,091,979	7,082,981
Depreciation	2,513,992	2,910,508	2,406,608	3,819,271	5,231,933	6,764,745	7,005,044
Amortization	48,946	48,744	44,551	40,099	35,364	30,321	24,944
Earnings Before Interest and Taxes	1,028,724	1,830,794	2,070,041	22,182,666	21,140,538	20,296,913	52,993
Interest Expense - New RUS Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense - Existing RUS Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest Expense - Other	1,930,812	1,581,420	1,497,800	1,286,774	1,130,027	1,049,588	1,032,588
Income Before Taxes	(902,088)	249,374	572,241	20,895,892	20,010,511	19,247,325	(979,595)
Property Tax	303,113	321,286	337,200	644,931	655,429	666,087	363,945
Income Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Income	\$ (1,205,201)	\$ (71,912)	\$ 235,041	\$ 20,250,961	\$ 19,355,082	\$ 18,581,238	\$ (1,343,540)

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Withheld in their entirety
pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4
(5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(4))

Section 50

NoaNet Pro Forma Assumptions:

- 1) The anticipated number of new connections in the pro forma for the project areas includes 109 anchor institutions and other potential connections ramping up over the first three years as the network comes on line. These numbers are determined from the number of anchor institutions to be connected as well as historical revenue anticipated at open access points for presence.
- 2) The price per connection in the model is based on a 100meg price of \$972. The actual revenue in the pro forma from these connections depends on the revenue shared on the underlying network provider and retail service provider. Generally NoaNet will realize \$340 to \$680 per connection.
- 3) The exchange fabric for medical and library customers is anticipated to have 68 customers ramping up over the first three years at \$100 per connection. These numbers are consistent with the number of new anchor institutions to be connected.
- 4) Cost of Goods Sold and General & Administrative Overhead are determined from NoaNet's experience and historical network operations.
- 5) Pro Forma financial reports are created by combine existing NoaNet financials and anticipated project financials reports.
- 6) NoaNet assets increase by \$58,812,978.53 as a result of the grant proceeds and contributions. The assets are comprised of fiber infrastructure (84%), electronics (11%) and capitalized labor (5%). The fiber infrastructure and associated capitalized labor are on twenty year depreciation. The electronics and associated capitalized labor are on seven year depreciation.

Section 51

Sub-participants contribute significantly to the project. Sub-participants retain the assets procured through the grant and adhere to the terms and conditions of the grant agreement. These assets are not included in the NoaNet pro forma financials as assets but are included in the overall Grant Request. The total sub-participant grant request is \$33,504,646.42. Of this approximately 22% is for electronics and applications and the remaining 78% is for fiber infrastructure. The sub-participant background and contributions are as follows:


- a. Port of Whitman: The Port is participating in the project as the owner of fiber infrastructure to be deployed from Spokane to Pullman. The route costs are \$12,304,235.76. Port of Whitman is committed to contributing a 20% cash match of \$2,460,847.15. The Grant Request for this section of fiber construction is for \$9,843,388.60. NoaNet will procure and install electronics for this section and provide operations and engineering for the network. The Port of Whitman provides wholesale fiber infrastructure today as well as additional Port functions. This project has been important to the Port for many years but has not been able to justify the project economically.
- b. Franklin PUD: Franklin PUD is participating as the owner of fiber infrastructure and electronics to be deployed from Pasco to Connell. The construction and electronics cost \$1,971,545. Franklin PUD is committed to contributing a 20% cash match of \$375,792.00. The Grant Request for this section is \$1,577,236.00. Franklin PUD operates a sustainable wholesale fiber optic infrastructure today while operating an electric utility for the County. This builds compliments their existing telecommunications operations.
- c. Sawtooth Technologies (SawNet): SawNet is participating as the owner for fiber infrastructure and electronics to be deployed in Klickitat and Skamania Counties. The construction and electronics cost is \$4,502,175.95.00. SawNet is committed to a cash and in-kind contributions of \$732,381.00. The Grant Request for these Counties is \$3,769,794.95.00. SawNet is a long-time customer of NoaNet and has successfully expanded and supported their business in rural areas over the years.
- d. Clallam PUD: Clallam PUD is participating as the owner of fiber infrastructure and electronics to be deployed from Port Angeles to Neah Bay. The construction and electronics cost \$3,471,451.55. Clallam PUD is committed to contributing a match of \$694,290.31. The Grant Request for this section is \$2,777,161.24. Clallam PUD operates a sustainable wholesale fiber optic infrastructure today while operating an electric utility for the County. This builds compliments their existing telecommunications operations.
- e. Pacific PUD: Pacific PUD is participating as the owner of fiber infrastructure and electronics to be deployed in two separate builds in Pacific County. The construction and electronics cost \$5,887,979.83. Pacific PUD is committed to contributing a match of \$1,738,948.90. The Grant Request for this section is \$4,149,030.93. Pacific PUD operates a sustainable wholesale fiber optic infrastructure today while operating an electric utility for the County. This builds compliments their existing telecommunications operations.
- f. Pacific NW GigaPoP: PNWGP is participating as the owner of Internet equipment for the LibNet and HealthNet applications to be deployed

across the network exchange fabric. The cost of electronics and installations is \$5,925,507.44. PNWGP is committed to a 20% contributing cash match of \$1,185,101.49. The Grant Request for this equipment is \$4,740,405.96. The Pacific NorthWest GigaPoP (PNWGP) is a not-for-profit advanced networking organization whose internetworking roots go back to the original ARPANet. For 30 years the PNWGP team has been deeply involved in the creation and evolution of the internet and advanced internet-technologies ranging from the development of IMAP (the widely used internet Message Access Protocol that was part of the Internet's original 'killer app' otherwise known as eMail); to pioneering broadband work in establishing numerous "Internet Land Speed Records" and in bringing the first uncompressed high-definition streaming and interactive video capabilities, with their extreme requirements of sustained multi-gigabit per second performance, to the internet.

- g. Inland NW Health Services: INHS is participating as the owner if networking equipment and medical technology to be deployed for the HealthNet applications across the network exchange fabric. The cost of electronics and installations is \$1,999,304.25. INHS is committed to a contributing cash match of \$180,054.84. The Grant Request for this equipment is \$1,819,249.41. INHS currently maintains an extensive optical network throughout the State which is used to connect many different healthcare companies together as well as to hospitals, clinics, and physicians throughout the state of Washington. Currently that network is a 1 Gigabit network and under this proposal INHS is proposing that the network be upgraded to 10 Gigabits. As the overall network speeds increase in the rural areas of the state, this metropolitan area must be upgraded in order to support the aggregation of traffic from the rural areas. The proposal complements the existing and sustainable INHS services.
- h. County of Yakima: The County of Yakima is participating as the owner of networking and application equipment to be deployed in the Yakima Valley. The cost of the electronics and installation is \$1,283,297.14. The County of Yakima is committed to a contributing match of \$244,768.57 through cash and in-kind contributions. The Grant Request for this equipment is \$1,038,528.57.
- i. Black Rock Cable: Black Rock is participating as the owner of fiber infrastructure to be deployed to Deming. The cost of the fiber construction is \$373,301.01. Black Rock is committed to a contributing 20% cash match of \$74,660.20. The Grant Request for this equipment is \$298,640.81. These services are incremental to the entire fiber infrastructure that Black Rock currently supports and maintains.
- j. WorkSource: WorkSource as a state agency is participating as the owner of network equipment and applications to be deployed at various library points for presence. The cost of the electronics and installation is \$3,607,836.32. The County of Yakima is committed to a contributing match of \$611,768.73 through cash and in-kind contributions. The Grant Request for this equipment is \$2,996,067.59.
- k. Authorized Retail Telecommunications Service Provider/Integrator: This authorized retailer provider is contributing \$1,002,719 toward an in-kind match. These services are related to telecommunications integration to establish the medical and library network exchange fabric.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract __b__ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application __a__ b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: a. initial filing __a__ b. material change For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: __x__ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Northwest Open Access Network Greg Marney, CEO 5802 Overlook Ave. NE Tacoma, WA 98322 Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency: Dept. of Commerce/NTIA	7. Federal Program Name/Description: NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i> N/A	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i> N/A	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature:  Print Name: Greg Marney Title: CEO Telephone No.: 206-219-3640 __ Date: 08-13-09	
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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly. This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into.

Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

If any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

"NOANET"
NORTHWEST OPEN ACCESS NETWORK

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

GREG L. MARNEY, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SIGNATURE

DATE

Greg L Marney

8/12/2009

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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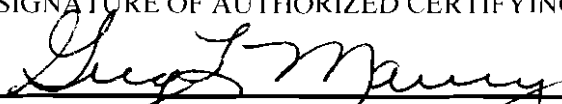
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

<p>1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.</p> <p>2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.</p> <p>3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.</p> <p>4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.</p> <p>5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.</p> <p>6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.</p> <p>7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.</p>	<p>8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. 4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).</p> <p>9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. 4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.</p> <p>10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. 1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. 794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) 523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. 290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.), as amended relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.</p>
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<p>11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.</p> <p>12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. 1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.</p> <p>13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provision of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. 276c and 18 U.S.C. 874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 327-333) regarding labor standards of federally assisted construction subagreements.</p> <p>14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.</p> <p>15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the</p>	<p>National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in flood plains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).</p> <p>16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. 1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.</p> <p>17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. 469a-1 et seq.).</p> <p>18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133. AAudits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.@</p> <p>19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.</p>
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION "NOANET" NORTHWEST OPEN ACCESS NETWORK	DATE SUBMITTED 8/12/2009

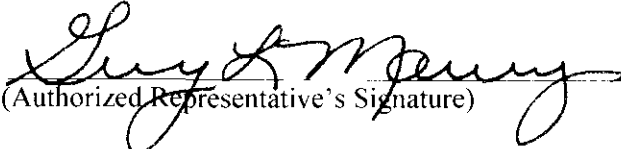
**U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

(i) I certify that I am authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.

(ii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.

(iii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the DOC Pre-Award Notification, published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); DOC American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (April 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award."

8/12/2009
(Date)


(Authorized Representative's Signature)

GREG L. MARNEY
Name:

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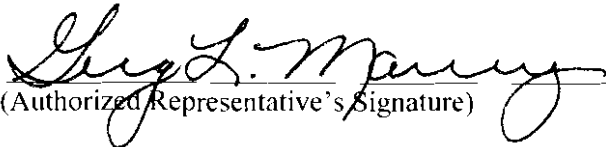
Certification Requirements for BTOP

U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

I certify that I am the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf. A copy of the applicant organization's authorization for me to submit this application as its official representative is on file in the applicant's office, and I am identified as the applicant organization's Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) in the Central Contractor Registration database. By signing this certification, I certify that the statements contained in the application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that if an award is made, the applicant organization will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions.

8/12/2009

(Date)


(Authorized Representative's Signature)

GREG L. MARNEY

Name:

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Title:

ATTACHMENT H – Broadband Subscriber Estimates

Instructions: Using the table below, please estimate the number of subscribers for each distinct type of service offering on a quarterly basis over the five year forecast period. Combine all service pricing tiers of broadband data services into a single service offering. The subscriber projections must be described separately by the type of services offered, and by type of entity (households, businesses, "strategic institutions" i.e., critical community facilities, community anchor institutions, and public safety entities) to which services are offered. For last mile subscribers, please also provide, on a separate sheet, your estimated take rate (the percentage of total customers passed who will subscribe to your service), along with a brief description of the methodology used to forecast these subscribers/take rates. Middle mile applicants should indicate their subscriber forecasts in terms of the entities served via the last mile service providers, community anchor institutions, or public safety entities that are connected to their middle mile network. Middle mile applicants should also provide a reasoned basis for these subscriber forecasts (e.g., agreements in principle with existing or planned last mile service providers, market studies, etc).

Household Subscribers	YEA R 0	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4				YEAR 5			
		Qtr .1	Qtr .2	Qtr .3	Qtr .4	Qtr .1	Qtr .2	Qtr .3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Net add-ons				250	450	750	750	100	150	200	200	150	150	100	750	500	250	0	0	0	
Cumulative subscribers	0			250	700	1450	2200	2950	3950	5450	7450	9450	10950	12450	13450	14200	14700	14950	14950	14950	14950
3G/4G																					
Net add-ons				1500	3000	1000	3000	1500	1500	5000	5000	3500	1000	500	500	500	500	500	500	500	500
Cumulative subscribers	0			1500	4500	5500	8500	10000	11500	16500	21000	24500	25500	26000	26500	27000	27500	28000	28500	29000	
Voice/Video/Bundle																					
Net add-ons		50	50	250	500	750	750	750	850	950	1100	1200	1300	1550	1750	2050	2300	2750	3550	5000	
Cumulative subscribers	0	50	100	350	850	1600	2350	3100	3950	4900	6000	7200	8500	10500	12800	14850	17150	19900	23450	28450	

Business Customers	YEA R 0	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4				YEAR 5				
<i>Internet</i>		Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	
Net add-ons		2	5	5	8	8	10	15	25	30	35	30	20	20	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Cumulative subscribers		2	7	12	20	28	38	43	68	98	138	168	188	208	228	243	258	273	288	303	318	
<i>Private Line Type</i>																						
Net add-ons			1	1	1	2	4	8	12	15	15	12	10	8	8	8	8	5	5	5	5	
Cumulative subscribers			1	2	3	5	9	17	29	44	59	71	81	89	97	105	113	118	123	128	133	

Strategic Institution	YEA R 0	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3				YEAR 4				YEAR 5			
<i>Internet</i>		Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Net add-ons		1	2	2	4	8	15	20	25	20	21	22	21	13	11	11	11	10	15	10	10
Cumulative subscribers		1	3	5	9	17	32	52	77	97	118	140	161	175	186	197	208	218	233	243	253
<i>Voice</i>																					
Net add-ons						2	5	5	8	8	10	10	10	10	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Cumulative subscribers						2	7	12	20	28	38	48	58	68	76	84	92	100	108	116	124
<i>Private Line Type</i>																					
Net add-ons		3	4	4	5	14	25	30	30	35	25	25	15	15	10	10	10	8	8	5	5
Cumulative subscribers		3	7	11	16	30	45	75	105	140	165	190	205	220	230	240	250	258	266	271	276
<i>Exchange</i>																					
Net add-ons					1	1	2	4	8	15	20	30	45	50	20	20	10	10	10	10	10
Cumulative subscribers					1	2	4	8	16	31	51	81	126	176	196	116	126	136	146	156	166

NoaNet has existing contracts with several last mile providers of wireline and wireless technology based in or adjacent to the proposed service areas. As a result of these existing relationships and new market opportunities that will be generated by this network extension we have projected the user numbers based on the broadband adoption rates published by the FCC. We have statistically weighted the penetration rate based on the adoption of a single service or a bundle. How a “triple play” helps adoption and what experience of the service providers have been in entering similar sized markets. Working in collaboration with our existing service providers we have looked at the last five years of adoption rates when broadband is made available in a community to determine the average adoption rate curve and applied this curve to the homes past to estimate the table above. Additionally NoaNet has received letters of support or intent from many anchor institutions to use the new infrastructure and the services that will be deployed on it by alliance members and service providers. The combination of new services and bundles available to the communities with existing contractual relationships, held orders for services within these communities due to lack of facilities and the history of state procurement “Request for Quotes” for service to governmental agencies and anchors institutions within the proposed service areas being unfilled due to lack of availability of broadband services allows NoaNet to forecast with reasonable confidence adoption rates for new customers within this area. We believe that each type of service will see significant increases in adoption during the second and third years of the grant cycle and will subsequently see drops in net additions as the area becomes saturated. However these projections could be significantly low if the “killer app” appears to drive greater interest beyond current metropolitan adoption rates for services. We do not see a large business side market place for most small communities as most of the businesses are small retail entities which do not require many advanced telecommunication services. However as time goes by there will be continued growth through economic development and through business evolution. The core to subscriber growth is still expected to be around 3G and 4G services that will be able to be fully deployed in these areas by all the major players through contractual arrangements existing within the alliance. Key drivers for anchor institutions includes the ability to have private networks for public safety, medical and government data and application exchanges and new opportunities to gain economies of scale through using a common carrier to reach across the state reducing interconnection charges while increasing the restoration time during an unplanned event due to having less entities involved. The ability to openly collaborate in exchanges without barriers or involving other systems provides the medical and governmental institutions the ability to work closer in the event of an emergency to be able to manage all the state’s resources for the common good.

Statement of Cash Flows

	Historical		Forecast Period				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Beginning Cash	\$ 773,884	\$ 10,858,399	\$ 11,460,328	\$ 12,698,328	\$ 10,953,777	\$ 9,508,412	\$ 8,129,486
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:							
Operating Income	163,714	1,022,885	1,389,792	21,279,834	20,318,973	19,563,747	(357,908)
<i>Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities</i>							
Add: Depreciation	2,513,992	2,910,508	2,406,608	3,819,271	5,231,933	6,764,745	7,005,044
Add: Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Changes in Current Assets and Liabilities:</i>							
Marketable Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	(1,735,853)	470,076	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	(782,254)	46,175	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Assets	16,602,000	(305,000)	2,745,000	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payable	1,759,430	(87,642)	-	-	-	-	-
Other Current Liabilities	(1,553,868)	(886,661)	(1,507,000)	(1,507,000)	(1,507,000)	(1,507,000)	(1,507,000)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operations	\$ 16,967,161	\$ 3,170,341	\$ 5,034,400	\$ 23,592,105	\$ 24,043,906	\$ 24,821,492	\$ 5,140,136
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:							
Notes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Principal Payments	(3,075,165)	(3,033,417)	(3,257,200)	(3,358,700)	(2,912,514)	(2,350,000)	(2,350,000)
New Borrowing	-	1,500,000	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Paid-in Capital	3,073,318	2,570,757	1,570,800	659,051	-	-	-
Additions to Patronage Capital Credits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Payment of Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest expense	(1,909,444)	(1,602,710)	(1,497,800)	(1,286,774)	(1,130,027)	(1,049,588)	(1,032,588)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	\$ (1,911,291)	\$ (565,370)	\$ (3,184,200)	\$ (3,986,423)	\$ (4,042,541)	\$ (3,399,588)	\$ (3,382,588)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:							
Capital Expenditures	(5,447,429)	(2,673,058)	(999,800)	(21,648,231)	(21,648,231)	(22,898,231)	(2,500,000)
Amortizable Asset (Net of Amortization)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Long-Term Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	476,074	670,016	387,600	297,998	201,501	97,401	71,901
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	\$ (4,971,355)	\$ (2,003,042)	\$ (612,200)	\$ (21,350,233)	\$ (21,446,730)	\$ (22,800,830)	\$ (2,428,099)
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	\$ 10,084,515	\$ 601,929	\$ 1,238,000	\$ (1,744,551)	\$ (1,445,365)	\$ (1,378,926)	\$ (670,551)
Ending Cash	\$ 10,858,399	\$ 11,460,328	\$ 12,698,328	\$ 10,953,777	\$ 9,508,412	\$ 8,129,486	\$ 7,458,935

Balance Sheet

Assets	Historical		Forecast Period				
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Current Assets							
Cash	\$ 10,858,399	\$ 11,460,328	\$ 12,698,328	\$ 10,953,777	\$ 9,508,412	\$ 8,129,486	\$ 7,458,935
Marketable Securities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Receivable	3,223,051	2,752,975	2,752,975	2,752,975	2,752,975	2,752,975	2,752,975
Notes Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inventory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prepayments	1,245,973	1,251,298	1,251,298	1,251,298	1,251,298	1,251,298	1,251,298
Other Current Assets	142,365	2,745,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total Current Assets	15,469,788	18,209,601	16,702,601	14,958,050	13,512,685	12,133,759	11,463,208
Non-Current Assets							
Long-Term Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amortizable Asset (Net of Amortization)	262,383	213,640	169,089	128,990	93,626	63,305	38,361
Plant in Service	27,607,053	30,280,111	31,279,911	52,928,142	74,576,373	97,474,604	99,974,604
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(14,319,294)	(17,229,802)	(19,636,410)	(23,455,681)	(28,687,614)	(35,452,359)	(42,457,403)
Net Plant	13,287,759	13,050,309	11,643,501	29,472,461	45,888,759	62,022,245	57,517,201
Other	4,403,159	1,919,375	1,919,375	1,919,375	1,919,375	1,919,375	1,919,375
Total Non-Current Assets	17,953,301	15,183,324	13,731,965	31,520,826	47,901,760	64,004,925	59,474,937
Total Assets	\$ 33,423,089	\$ 33,392,925	\$ 30,434,566	\$ 46,478,876	\$ 61,414,445	\$ 76,138,684	\$ 70,938,145
Liabilities and Owners' Equity							
Liabilities							
Current Liabilities							
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,947,346	\$ 1,878,301	\$ 1,878,301	\$ 1,878,301	\$ 1,878,301	\$ 1,878,301	\$ 1,878,301
Notes Payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Portion - Total RUS Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Current Portion - Other Debt	3,010,468	3,237,924	3,358,700	2,912,514	2,350,000	2,350,000	2,050,000
Other Current Liabilities	4,090,173	4,830,604	4,830,604	4,830,604	4,830,604	4,830,604	4,830,604
Total Current Liabilities	9,047,987	9,946,829	10,067,605	9,621,419	9,058,905	9,058,905	8,758,905
Long-Term Liabilities							
Existing RUS Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Proposed RUS Debt	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Existing non-RUS Debt	36,322,967	32,895,116	28,010,140	23,590,626	19,733,626	15,876,626	12,319,626
Total Long-Term Liabilities	36,322,967	32,895,116	28,010,140	23,590,626	19,733,626	15,876,626	12,319,626
Total Liabilities	45,370,954	42,841,945	38,077,745	33,212,045	28,792,531	24,935,531	21,078,531
Owner's Equity							
Capital Stock	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Paid-In Capital	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Patronage Capital Credits	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Retained Earnings	(11,947,865)	(9,449,020)	(7,643,179)	13,266,831	32,621,914	51,203,153	49,859,614
Total Equity	(11,947,865)	(9,449,020)	(7,643,179)	13,266,831	32,621,914	51,203,153	49,859,614
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Thank you for your consideration of this very worthwhile and promising proposal. If you would like further insights, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Brian Hatfield
State Senator, 19th Legislative District
Washington State

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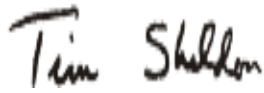
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Respectfully,

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BOB MORTON
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RE: Broadband Initiatives Program – Sawtooth Technologies, LLC

Dear Mr. Villano:

I write to offer my support for Sawtooth Technologies' (SawNet) application for funding through the Rural Utilities Service Broadband Initiative Program to bring broadband service to the unserved areas of rural Skamania and Clark counties in Washington's Third Congressional District.

The Skamania and Eastern Clark Counties Broadband Infrastructure Project will allow SawNet to address the lack of broadband internet access in six unserved areas and bring fiber-optic networks to 15 schools, 12 firehalls, 2 hospitals and 4 medical clinics, as well as connect multiple counties in Washington and Oregon. This project will provide affordable broadband services to communities in the Columbia River Gorge, offering access to residents, businesses and public agencies for whom such services have previously been financially or logistically unfeasible.

I am especially encouraged about the potential this project has to stimulate the regional economy. The Wind River Nursery near Carson, Washington, represents the largest, developable area in Skamania County, and growth here is of utmost importance for the economic health of the region. The Skamania County Economic Development Council reports that without broadband development through the Wind River Valley connecting to the Wind River Business Park, the opportunity for recruiting new business to create jobs and stabilize the economy is greatly compromised.

I urge full consideration of Sawtooth Technologies' proposal to bring broadband services to these Columbia River Gorge communities, and I commend the company for addressing the technological gap that currently exists for this rural area.

Sincerely,

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Brian Baird
Member of Congress



August 14, 2009

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James W. Sanders
General Manager



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Ron Gadeberg
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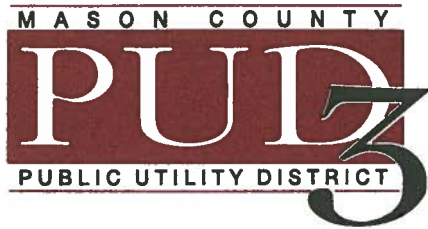
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Edward J. Brost, General Manager

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Manager

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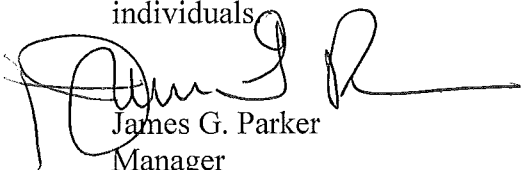
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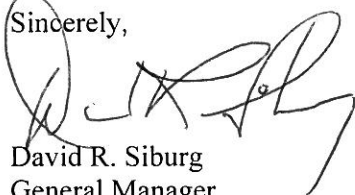
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August 13, 2009

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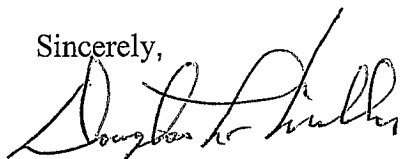
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Douglas L. Miller
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August 12, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern:

The Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe has reviewed the proposal for funding for expansion of fiber optic cable to the eastern end of Clallam County, which includes the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Administrative Campus. We believe this proposal provides a welcome opportunity to partner with Clallam Public Utility District #1 and look forward to participating in its implementation.

Located seven miles outside of Sequim, the Tribal Center is halfway between Port Angeles and Port Townsend. The Tribal Center is the focus of government operations, health and human services, the Tribal library, and all cultural programs. Our programs, facilities and services are designed to build the cultural awareness that is essential to preserving our health and well-being. The Tribe offers training in the S'Klallam Language on site, as well as classes in traditional arts and lifeways. However, our Tribal people do not live on a traditional reservation; our people live throughout the communities of Clallam and Jefferson counties, the Pacific Northwest, and the entire United States. The Tribal Center provides the "hub" through which our Tribal citizens and descendants are connected to their history, culture, and heritage. Enhanced connectivity will improve our ability to deliver language and cultural learning programs over the distances that separate us.


In addition, the Tribe operates a public Family Health Center within the City of Sequim. In partnership with the University of Washington, our clinic provides training to physicians in the Residency Program at the University. While this clinical experience in a rural retirement community is valuable in itself, the improved connectivity through this proposal will allow us to broaden that experience through webcast presentations and videoconferences.

Last May, the Tribe submitted a proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to connect the public and the Tribal community to our Tribal cultural archives through the web portal of the Olympic Peninsula Online Museum. Enhanced connectivity will allow us to provide improved access to our collection, through our ability to upload archival material, transfer documents and images, and to handle the demands upon our servers.

Therefore, we see tremendous utility in having increased technology capacity to our campus facilities. We can provide technical assistance through our I.T. department, and we will allow use of our facilities to accommodate equipment (hardware and software) upgrades and installations as necessary. We support this proposal and have no doubt that it merits a full funding award. We look forward to participating in its implementation for the benefit of our Tribal people and the public.

If you need any additional information, please contact Adam Barrell of my staff at 360-681-3419.

Sincerely,

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W. Ron Allen
Tribal Chairman/CEO



August 17, 2009

Thomas Vilsack,
Secretary
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Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Dept. of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20230

Re: *NTIA - Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application – August 14, 2009 NoaNet and Pacific Northwest GigaPoP et al application*

Dear Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing to express the University of Washington's very highest level of support for the NoaNet and Pacific Northwest GigaPop et al project and funding for finally providing crucially needed and long overdue broadband access to a critical-mass of un-served and under-served citizens and institutions of our State, and especially to establish critically needed Medical and Library networks with true state-wide backbones and state-wide reach and affordability.

The participants in and team members of this proposed project are among the best tested, most proven, and most credible creators and providers of sustainable broadband networking throughout the northwest. They are committed, they are experienced, they are highly expert, and they have always gotten the job done. The proposal itself is comprehensive and coherent, and has wonderfully brought together and integrated the many key players who are necessary ingredients in any really significant effort to provide broadband access and applications to un-served and under-served areas of the state and for critical under-served communities such as health care.

Further, we have seldom seen such an impressive success in bringing together providers, communities and institutions who often compete and diverge, into a strong and convincing cooperative and synergistic partnership.



We strongly urge you to support this proposal. Not only is it exceedingly strong and well conceived in its approach and its teaming, it is crucial to the un-served and under-served citizens and institutions of our State

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald Johnson".

R. A. Johnson,

Vice President and Chief Technology Officer



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August 13, 2009

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Health information technology plays a critical role in assuring effective health care delivery and enhancing patient safety. One key element of effective health care is the ability of providers to share information about a patient in order to make the best clinical decisions. This includes sharing laboratory test results, high resolution medical images and other patient health data. For health care providers located in rural communities, the specialists that they need to consult with may be located hundreds of miles away, complicating this information sharing. Further, the lack of specialists in rural communities may require patients to travel great distances to receive needed care.

Emerging technologies such as electronic medical record systems, electronic health information exchange and telehealth all have been shown to improve the delivery of health care, particularly for rural residents. Rural health care providers can electronically send patient data to urban specialists to support a clinical consult or avoid duplication of laboratory tests. Patients in rural communities can connect to specialists across the state or across the country via telehealth, avoiding travel costs and improving access to care. However, none of these technologies are practical without access to high speed networks. The lack of broadband connections in rural communities is preventing the growth and utilization of technologies that have the potential to transform the delivery of health care.

Washington State is a leading example of the application of information technology to health care. In particular, Inland Northwest Health Services (INHS) has set a national standard for creatively applying information technology to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of hospitals and physician offices across the state. Because of INHS, 18 hospitals in Washington, including 11 Critical Access Hospitals in rural communities, were selected among the country's "100 Most Wired Hospitals" based on the 2009 Hospital & Health Networks magazine annual survey.

While these hospitals have made great advances in their use of information technology, many of them are limited in their ability to share information and to take advantage of new remote health service programs such as telepharmacy and teleER by the lack of access to broadband. For this reason, INHS is collaborating with NoaNet, the Northwest GigaPop network, the Washington State Hospital Association and the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts to extend broadband networks to health care providers across Washington. Because of INHS' prior investments in information technology and the widespread adoption of this technology by hospitals and physician offices in the region, they are well-positioned to take immediate advantage of any new broadband access that becomes available.

I have worked with the leadership of INHS for several years. I believe that INHS is one of the country's leaders in applying information technology to improve the delivery of health care, and I strongly support their efforts to expand access to this technology and to broadband networks in Washington.

Sincerely,



Newt Gingrich
Former Speaker of the House
Founder, Center for Health Transformation



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August 13, 2009

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Mr. David J. Villano
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RE: Broadband Initiatives Program – Sawtooth Technologies, LLC

Dear Mr. Villano:

I write to offer my support for Sawtooth Technologies' (SawNet) application for funding through the Rural Utilities Service Broadband Initiative Program to bring broadband service to the unserved areas of rural Skamania and Clark counties in Washington's Third Congressional District.

The Skamania and Eastern Clark Counties Broadband Infrastructure Project will allow SawNet to address the lack of broadband internet access in six unserved areas and bring fiber-optic networks to 15 schools, 12 firehalls, 2 hospitals and 4 medical clinics, as well as connect multiple counties in Washington and Oregon. This project will provide affordable broadband services to communities in the Columbia River Gorge, offering access to residents, businesses and public agencies for whom such services have previously been financially or logistically unfeasible.

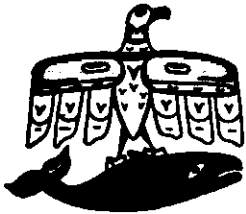
I am especially encouraged about the potential this project has to stimulate the regional economy. The Wind River Nursery near Carson, Washington, represents the largest, developable area in Skamania County, and growth here is of utmost importance for the economic health of the region. The Skamania County Economic Development Council reports that without broadband development through the Wind River Valley connecting to the Wind River Business Park, the opportunity for recruiting new business to create jobs and stabilize the economy is greatly compromised.

I urge full consideration of Sawtooth Technologies' proposal to bring broadband services to these Columbia River Gorge communities, and I commend the company for addressing the technological gap that currently exists for this rural area.

Sincerely,

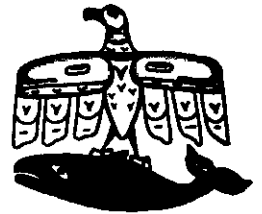
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Brian Baird
Member of Congress



MAKAH TRIBAL COUNCIL

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

August 12, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Makah Tribe has been researching opportunities to improve broadband service for over three years, has been preparing an application to submit for the "last mile" of the "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program" grant, and has been discussing partnerships for delivery of the "middle mile". This is a letter of support for Clallam County Public Utility District to submit an application to provide "middle mile" service to Neah Bay and the Makah reservation, by installing a microwave tower at Bahokus Peak for transmission of broadband service to the Makah Tribe and the community of Neah Bay.

Currently, broadband services are not sufficient, nor cost effective to support the needs of the constituents in our communities. As the Chairman of the Makah Tribe, I understand the need for viable, robust infrastructure developments as they pertain to the services needed by our constituents. The bandwidth to be provided by this project will enable us to provide affordable and reliable internet service with higher transmission speeds resulting in: e-commerce opportunities for entrepreneurs; Tribal administrative facilities networking; intergovernmental teleconferencing; and, consistent transmission of telecourses for improved educational opportunities.

The Makah Reservation is often isolated in winter due to poor road conditions and weather. The nearest educational centers and hospitals are an hour away. Increased funding for critical rural broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life for the Makah Tribe.

Endorsing this project to deploy greater broadband access and bandwidth in our area means endorsing my organization's ability to better serve its purpose, and I do this most sincerely.

Respectfully submitted,
Makah Tribe

Michael J. Lawrence
Chairman



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
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Thursday, August 20, 2009

To: BIP and BTOP Grant Directors

From: Confederated Tribes of Colville Indian Reservation

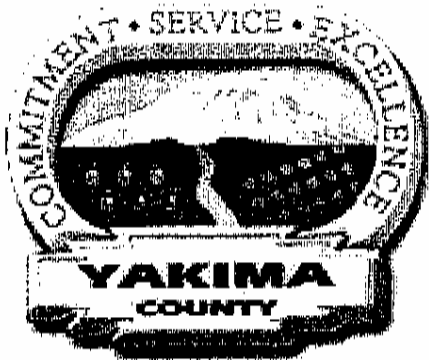
The Confederated Tribes of Colville strongly endorses the application of NoaNet (Northwest Open Access Network) to link educational and health centers throughout the State of Washington. NoaNet's current proposal will bring links to the exterior boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation and will compliment the Tribes' proposal through inter-connection agreements at key meet points.

NoaNet has pioneered broadband aggregation to bring scarce resource opportunities to remote rural communities. The Confederated Tribes of Colville has been in direct discussion with NoaNet about joining NoaNet's alliance of networks should the Tribe receive funding for its proposed Colville Confederated Network middle-mile proposal.

NoaNet has similarly been supportive of Colville's efforts to bring broadband to its reservation. Sharing mutual resources and conjoining local networks can only benefit all communities in Washington. We deem NoaNet's application innovative, meriting strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Finley, Chairperson
Colville Business Council
Colville Confederated Tribes



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To: Mike Henson From: Becky Bishop
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 Re: _____ CC: _____

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply

• Comments:

Mike,
Here is the letter of participation/commitment
from George Helton.

Becky B.



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August 12, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am happy and excited for this opportunity to partner with Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Northwest GigaPoP to build a core infrastructure including applications which will reach into communities across Washington by building advanced capabilities into Yakima Valley Regional Libraries, South Central WorkSource centers and Yakima Valley Community College and connecting Yakima County's fiber to NoaNet's fiber. This project will be effective at combining existing technologies with new broadband infrastructure to bring educational and employment opportunities to communities in Yakima County that currently have limited or non-existent broadband connectivity.

Yakima County and NoaNet maintain a long time partnership. Our agencies have worked together to find solutions that help local governments and non-profit organizations access lower cost bandwidth, become more efficient, pool resources and provide more services to our communities. This project will build on those efforts by supporting the infrastructure needed for increased availability of workforce training and continuing education through distance learning, unemployment and job search resources through video conferencing, public health information and local Internet hotspots in libraries.

Yakima County is a large and mostly rural region. The residents are often in outlying areas with great distances and adverse travel conditions between them and broadband access sites, libraries, higher education facilities and cultural centers. Increased funding for critical rural broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

We are located in Yakima, Washington. Currently, broadband services are not available or insufficient in many areas of our county to support the needs of the constituents in our communities. As the Director of Technology Services of Yakima County, I work toward viable, robust infrastructure as it pertains to the services needed by our citizens. Yakima County maintains a local governmental network to share resources, foster inter-governmental and non-profit agency communications and provide connectivity to state and federal databases. The bandwidth provided by this project will increase bandwidth to our partner agencies and the increase the stability and availability of network and Internet resources. The increased bandwidth provides the opportunity to deploy bandwidth dependent technologies such as distance learning and video conferencing with a level of certainty in availability, stability and the quality of the video and audio. It is paramount to meet the requirements of students, clients, citizens, teachers, counselors, case managers and staff. Confidence in the technology will lead to incorporating it into daily business functions and increase resources, education and information available to our population.

Yakima County will commit the personnel and resource levels required to support our application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program to increase bandwidth in unserved and underserved areas within Yakima County. We are committed to an in-kind investment of \$244,768 as detailed in the application over the next 2-1/2 years. The receipt of funds totaling \$1,122,958 would enable Yakima County to complete projects which would otherwise not be completed due to lack of funding.

Although our Board of County Commissioners hold the authority to accept the grant award and approve budgetary allocations for Yakima County, I am responsible for committing resources and project management to technology projects. I am committed to dedicating staff and resources necessary to successfully complete this project in a timely manner.

Increased access to job training, information, education and community resources is very important to our citizens living in rural communities and promotes economic development and job creation. Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,



George D. Helton
Director of Technology Services
Yakima County



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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June 24, 2009

Franklin PUD
Debbie Bone-Harris
Government and Community Relations Manger
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Dear Debbie,

On behalf of the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center, we would like to offer our support to Franklin PUD in securing federal stimulus funds for extension of your broadband fiber loop and automated meter infrastructure to Connell and Kahlotus, Washington. The American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 is exactly what Franklin County needs to jump start additional economic development to these rural areas. The City of Connell currently has 3,250 residents, while the much more remote city of Kahlotus has only 255 residents. Both these cities are very rural, yet have much promise for expansion and economic development. This project would provide improved access to broadband service to our facility and surrounding communities.

As you know, the Coyote Ridge Corrections Center just expanded to a 2,648 bed facility. The prison itself is in need of broadband to help facilitate ongoing communication for official State business as well as internal communications. In addition to broadband deployment in these areas, the addition of an automated meter infrastructure (AMI) system, expanding fiber capabilities and reach, would also greatly enhance our region's needs for 21st century telecommunications. The mix of AMI and broadband would greatly benefit the economy in Franklin County.

With the addition of the Franklin PUD broadband fiber loop and AMI, our facility will see economic benefits from improvements to broadband infrastructure and increased broadband service competition. By supporting a broadband deployment project we can both meet future telecommunication needs and leverage our resources.

We look forward to working with you to bring stimulus funds to our rural areas in Washington State. By securing federal ARRA broadband dollars, we will be better able to serve our needs that are currently underserved.

Sincerely,

Sam Harris
Environmental Specialist V



FRANKLIN COUNTY

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FRANKLIN PUD

Ms. Debbie Bone-Harris
Government and Community Relations Manger
Franklin Public Utility District
P.O. Box 2407
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Dear Debbie:

We are pleased to offer our full and enthusiastic support of Franklin PUD efforts to secure federal stimulus funds for expansion of our broadband fiber loop and automated meter infrastructure (AMI) to two of our cities, Connell and Kahlotus. Funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) will allow us to bring broadband connectivity to these presently unserved communities.

Connell, the second largest city in our county, has a mere 3,250 residents while the more remote city of Kahlotus has only 255 residents. Both cities are very rural yet hold great promise for expansion and economic development.

Broadband connectivity would be especially valuable for the recently completed 2,000 bed Coyote Ridge Correctional Facility in Connell. The prison staff would benefit from broadband connectivity with other state agencies and between staff departments at the facility.

Partnering with Franklin PUD to improve broadband infrastructure will benefit healthcare, education, electric power, environmental and various other sectors of our ailing local economy. Franklin County and Franklin PUD have a long history of cooperation for public benefit. We look forward to working with you now to bring broadband capability and AMI technology to our rural communities.


We genuinely appreciate your efforts to secure federal ARRA broadband funding to improve the quality of life for our citizens and improve the efficiency of Franklin PUD operations in our county.

Please let us know how we can support this high priority initiative.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, WASHINGTON


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July 30, 2009

Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee:

This is a memorandum of understanding to clarify and solidify the relationship between Sawtooth Technologies LLC (dba "SawNet") and the Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee (KHTC) in relation to telecommunication services associated with grants and loans requested and/or received via the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) and the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP). Should SawNet be granted either BIP or BTOP funding, the KHTC agrees to assist SawNet in the form of in-kind match. This in-kind match will take the form of time committed by the KHTC and additional commitments from specific committee members. This in-kind match will assist SawNet in the design, engineering, and implementation of the project that will meet the goals of the KHTC, citizens of Klickitat County, and the federal stimulus programs in terms of building infrastructure for broadband internet access to Glenwood and surrounding, unserved, rural areas. Finally, this memorandum officially memorializes KHTC's approval and support of SawNet's application and pursuit of both BIP and BTOP funding for Klickitat County broadband project proposals.


Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee

7/30/2009
Date


Sawtooth Technologies LLC

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July 30, 2009

Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee:

Sawtooth Technologies LLC (dba "SawNet") proposes to, if awarded loan/grant funds via either the Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), address the lack of broadband access to Glenwood and surrounding rural areas.

To be considered for BIP or BTOP funding there are myriad requirements that must be met. The attached document outlines the basic requirements needed to qualify for grants and/or loans. Given SawNet's commitment to adherence to these requirements and our existing dedication to communities in and around the Columbia Gorge, we hope to answer any questions the Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee may have and earn your support in pursuit of BIP and BTOP funding.

SawNet requests the Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee to:

- Provide explicit documentation demonstrating the lack of broadband access within the Glenwood community.
- Lead in seeking in-kind match commitments from individual committee and community members.

SawNet eagerly looks forward to partnering with the Klickitat Horizons Telecom Committee and working within the communities in Klickitat County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Adams'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'B' and 'A'.

Brian Adams



KLICKITAT COUNTY
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REX F. JOHNSTON, DISTRICT #1

DAVID M. SAUTER, DISTRICT #2

RAY THAYER, DISTRICT #3

August 11, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

The Klickitat County Board of Commissioners endorses and urges your support of SawNet's grant application that would fund a build-out of high speed internet services to underserved communities in our county, such as Glenwood. SawNet has been working with Glenwood community members and the Klickitat Horizons Tele-Com Committee to identify solutions to our county's most difficult broadband access challenges. The northwestern portion of Klickitat County is very rural and in need of the benefits that broadband can bring in terms of economic development, education, and improved communication.

Glenwood, with a population of less than five hundred residents, and Klickitat County are ideal places for grant funded projects that will improve high speed internet connectivity, as without grant funds these services will not be provided in the foreseeable future. County residents have dedicated hundreds of hours of time over the past three years in an effort to improve access to broadband, and we are encouraged by SawNet's proposal and willingness to work with our communities.

Again, we urge your support of this proposal and look forward to the progress that this program will bring to our county.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Klickitat County, Washington

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Ray Thayer, Vice Chairman



KLICKITAT COUNTY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT



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MIKE CANON, DIRECTOR

August 11, 2009

Dear Funding Agent:

Klickitat County Economic Development Department has an established, positive history working with the Horizons Project county-wide. We are continually impressed by the effort and progress exhibited on behalf of our rural communities.

Like many in the county, we have a genuine interest in seeing our underserved areas receive broadband access. In the past, prospering communities and lagging communities were distinguished by their relative transportation systems; today however, they are distinguished by their access to or lack of communication connectivity.

As we strive to improve the lives of individuals and the profitability of businesses throughout Klickitat County, we are reminded that lack of high speed internet service is perhaps the greatest obstacle to overcome. Its not surprising, therefore, that we endorse the SawNet grant application and request your favorable consideration and funding in the greatest amount possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Mike Canon".

Mike Canon, Director



Thursday, July 30, 2009

Franklin PUD
Government and Community Relations Manager
PO Box 2407
Pasco, WA 99302

Dear Debbie,

Lourdes Health Network (LHN) would like to extend our support to Franklin PUD in securing federal stimulus funds for expansion of your broadband fiber loop and automated meter infrastructure to Connell and Kahlotus, Washington. By securing funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 to provide broadband connectivity to these presently underserved communities Franklin PUD can provide the vehicle to greatly improve the quality of healthcare in these rural communities.

Lourdes Family Health Center located at 650 S. Columbia Ave, Connell, WA currently serves the 3,250 residents of Connell as well as the 255 residents of Kahlotus. Broadband connectivity would allow us to expand our implementation of an electronic medical record to that facility, allow the providers there to view high resolution radiological images from our Picture Archiving and Communication System (PACS) and enhance the overall communication between our providers in Connell and the specialists in our larger facilities.

We look forward to working with the Franklin PUD to bring stimulus funds to the rural areas of Washington State. High speed, broadband connectivity is one of the keys to providing improved quality healthcare services at lower cost to our patients. This is especially true in our smaller, underserved communities.

Thank you for providing Lourdes Health Network the opportunity to voice our support for this important initiative.

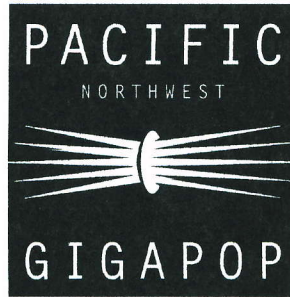
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Thomas Vilsack, Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Dept. of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)
Grant Application – August 14, 2009
NoaNet and Pacific Northwest GigaPoP application

Dear Secretary Vilsack and Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The Pacific NorthWest GigaPoP, a not-for-profit networking organization headquartered in Seattle, Washington, that has been a significant force in the internet's creations & evolution, as well as in state, regional and national broadband networking since the ARPAnet, gives its very strongest endorsement and support of the NoaNet led project and funding request for the broad implementation and delivery of broadband access un-served and under-served populations of the State of Washington and especially to provide excellent and urgently needed infrastructure and related necessary capabilities for statewide Library and Medical networks with modern high-performance 'ringed' backbones, and integrated top-tier routing and internet exchange and peering facilities/capabilities, as well as truly broadband local loops and backhaul . This project is based on a more than critical-mass consortium of very highly qualified and capable participants, and has the very highest level and broadest support at local and state-wide levels from the Library and Health care communities as well as from the specific localities that the proposal seeks to serve.

NoaNet and the other primary participants in this proposal are solid and well established enterprises which have remarkably successful track records of experience and accomplishment in building, operating and sustaining sophisticated networks over large geographies, and have exceptional expertise in broadband deployments and infrastructure.

The participants are also extraordinarily accomplished in establishing networks that are indeed

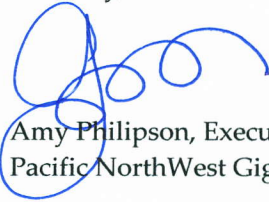
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financially and technologically sustainable – as well as extendable and upgradeable - over the long term, and it is clear from our analysis the networks proposed will be no exception.

This proposal and its team have long and successful commitment to, and experience in, what have been pioneering efforts to bring broadband networks to un-served and under-served communities and localities and in making them sustainable and cost-effectively extensible.

We urge you to support this extraordinarily important and exceptionally solid proposal.

Sincerely,



Amy Philipson, Executive Director
Pacific NorthWest GigaPoP



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August 13, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

The Port of Whitman County strongly supports the project proposal by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) to create a vital new broadband infrastructure to provide enhanced broad capability on an open access basis to community colleges, public computing centers, libraries and healthcare facilities in rural Eastern Washington State. The Port of Whitman is also partnering in the proposed project as we have set aside the 20% matching funds to complete the Spokane, WA, to Pullman, WA portion of the system.

The Port of Whitman County has served its community by providing telecommunications infrastructure in many parts of the County. It is one of our goals to continue to build this infrastructure and under the provisions of the State of Washington RCWs 53.08.005, 53.08.370 and 53.08.380 the Port has worked to develop and facilitate enhanced services countywide. The Port already works with Whitman County's independent telephone companies, when invited and where feasible, to create the infrastructure that helps providers enhance services to rural communities. Our proposed partnership with NoaNet on this project not only meets the needs of rural Eastern Washington State and Whitman County but also helps complete NoaNet's ring of open access fiber that links the entire state.

The Port of Whitman endorses this project in order to serve its constituents, as well as the broader rural constituency of Eastern Washington State, with enhanced access to broadband services. Thank you for your time and consideration of the NoaNet proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph R. Poire".

Joseph R. Poire
Executive Director



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August 13, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

Greetings:

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Washington State is a large and mostly rural region with rough terrain. The residents are often in outlying areas with great distances and adverse travel conditions between them and urban medical centers, broadband access sites and higher education facilities. Increased funding for critical rural telehealth programs and broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

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August 13, 2009

The Port of Clarkston believes that this grant request for Asotin County will be able to be leveraged to even greater benefit, as we work with the grant sponsors to identify ways to leverage the new infrastructure for the benefit of a new industrial park. This industrial park provides job creation avenues for the same rural, underserved citizens.

I strongly endorse the award of funds to NoaNet and the Pacific Northwest GigaPoP to create the Washington medical network, extend fiber services to libraries, and establish community computer centers for vulnerable individuals.

Sincerely,



Wanda Keefer
Port Manager



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August 12, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Sincerely,

Tina Davidson

DM Doug Mattoon, Vice President
SouthEast Washington Economic Development Association
Palouse Regional Transportation Planning Organization

August 10th, 2009



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BT)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in strong support of the creation of Washington HealthNet; a project designed by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet), the Northwest GigaPoP, the Washington State Hospital Association, the Association of Washington Public Hospital Districts (AWPHD) and Inland Health Services (INHS) to create Washington HealthNet.

As a fourth-generation resident of Ferry County in northeast Washington State I have seen the timber and mining industries wither to the point where we now have the highest unemployment rate and lowest median income in our state. In recent years a new industry has been growing to help replace those hundreds of lost jobs; our area is becoming a retirement community. With low property taxes and beautiful scenery we are attracting people from all over the country but especially from Seattle. However, many people have told me that they can't be permanent residents of our area because of the lack of access to high-quality medical care. Washington HealthNet is the answer.

I believe Washington HealthNet will create vital new broadband infrastructure to provide healthcare services in our very remote (less than four people per square mile) and unserved community. It will promote exchange and sharing of medical records and test results, and create a stronger, more reliable response to a pandemic, natural disaster or other life-threatening regional or statewide emergency. Most importantly, it will provide access to the type of medical care now enjoyed only in much more urban areas.

Beyond addressing the needs of retirees Washington HealthNet will provide the level of care needed by young families; a prerequisite to encouraging new industries in our community.

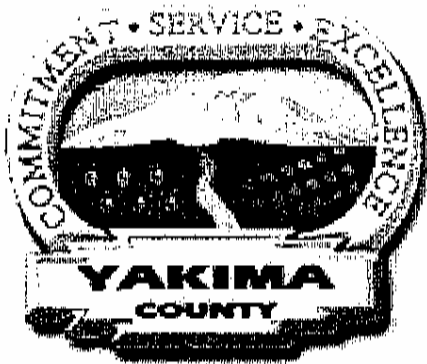
On a personal note, my husband and I are moving his mother to a senior facility fifty miles away because she may need emergency access to services not currently available in our area. With Washington HealthNet we would feel comfortable keeping her at home with us.

Please support Washington HealthNet and bring much needed medical care to the remote communities of Washington State.

Thank you!

Betty Buckley, Executive Director





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August 10, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

RIN: 0660-ZA28

To Whom It May Concern:

SUBJECT: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

I strongly support the project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Northwest GigaPoP to build a core infrastructure including applications which will reach into communities across Washington by building advanced capabilities into libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, key medical centers and clinics and government facilities. This project will be effective at combining existing technologies with new broadband infrastructure to bring educational and employment opportunities to communities in currently underserved rural regions of Washington State.

NoaNet has been working to bridge the digital divide experienced by rural, unserved and underserved communities in Washington since inception. This project will build on those efforts by supporting the infrastructure needed to have Public Computing Centers in outlying areas and connecting those centers to a network of higher education providers, cultural centers, and government agencies.

Washington State is a large and mostly rural region with rough terrain. The residents are often in outlying areas with great distances and adverse travel conditions between them and broadband access sites, higher education facilities and cultural centers. Increased funding for critical rural broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

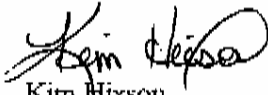
We are located in Yakima County in Central Washington. Currently, broadband services are not sufficient to support the needs of the constituents in our communities. As the Interim Director of Yakima Valley Libraries, I understand the need for viable, robust infrastructure developments as they pertain to the services needed by our constituents. The bandwidth to be provided by this project will enable us to provide internet access in our branches as well as wireless access to serve

additional customers. We will be able to expand our mission to support lifelong learning and an informed citizenry by providing free, open, and full access to a vast array of ideas and information.

Endorsing this project to deploy greater broadband access and bandwidth in our area means endorsing my organization's ability to better serve its purpose, and I do this most sincerely.

I endorse the funding award to serve Libraries, Public Computing Centers, Community Colleges and Cultural Center. Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,



Kim Mixson
Interim Director
Yakima Valley Libraries



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August 12, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

**RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)
Application**

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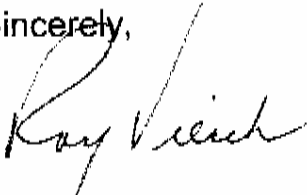
broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

We are located in Union Gap. Currently, broadband services are not available to support the needs of the constituents in all the communities that we serve. As the Administrative Services Director of Yakima Health District, I understand the need for viable, robust infrastructure developments as they pertain to the services needed by our constituents. The bandwidth to be provided by this project will enable us to reach rural service areas for public health education purposes and also to facilitate communications in the case of emergency operations incidents.

Endorsing this project to deploy greater broadband access and bandwidth in our area means endorsing my organization's ability to better serve its purpose, and I do this most sincerely.

I endorse the funding award to serve Libraries, Public Computing Centers, Community Colleges and Cultural Center. Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,



Roy Vierck
Administrative Services Director
Yakima Health District



Office of the President

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August 6, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
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To Whom It May Concern,

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

Yakima Valley Community College is please to provide this letter of support to Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council proposed video conferencing system as part of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application.

As a postsecondary institution, Yakima Valley Community College knows the difficulty in providing training to local residents that live in rural and remote areas of our region. Once Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council establish a larger video conferencing network, Yakima Valley Community College will be able to use this as an additional avenue to deliver basic education, English as a second language and other educational programs to citizens of our area.

Further, Yakima Valley Community College supports the NoaNet and the Northwest GigaPoP to build a core internet infrastructure that will reach into communities across Washington by building advanced capabilities into libraries, cultural centers, key medical centers and clinics and government facilities. Such a system can only provide added and improved services to those residents that are currently underserved rural regions of Washington State. For the college, this means that educational programs can be provided through internet based instruction to areas not served by our Yakima and Grandview campuses.

It is our hope that the United States Departments of Agriculture and Commerce will look favorably on the application.

Sincerely,

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Dean Carli Schiffner, designee for
Linda Kaminski, Ed.D.
President

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WORKSource

South Central

July 27, 2009

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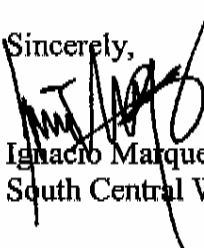
To Whom It May Concern,

The South Central WorkSource System is pleased to provide this letter of support to Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council proposed video conferencing system as part of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application.

As the One-Stop Service Center System for the Klickitat, Yakima, Kittitas, and Skamania counties, South Central WorkSource understands the challenge in providing workforce services to our diverse communities in such a large geographical area. Once Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council establish a larger video conferencing network, the WorkSource centers will take full advantage of this technology by providing job readiness workshops, workforce training orientations and other services that are critical to our job seekers.

It is our hope that the United States Departments of Agriculture and Commerce will look favorably on the application.

Sincerely,



Ignacio Marquez, Area Director
South Central WorkSource



Henry Beauchamp
Executive Director

OPPORTUNITIES
INDUSTRIALIZATION CENTER

July 27, 2009

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To Whom It May Concern,

OIC of Washington supports the project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Northwest GigaPoP to build a core infrastructure including applications which will reach into communities across Washington by building advanced capabilities into libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, key medical centers and clinics and government facilities. This project will be effective at combining existing technologies with new broadband infrastructure to bring educational and employment opportunities to communities in currently underserved rural regions of Washington State.

NoaNet has been working to bridge the digital divide experienced by rural, unserved and underserved communities in Washington since inception. This project will build on those efforts by supporting the infrastructure needed to have Public Computing Centers in outlying areas and connecting those centers to a network of higher education providers, cultural centers, and government agencies.

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We are located in Yakima, Washington. Currently, broadband services are not sufficient to support the needs of the constituents in our communities. As the Program Director for OIC of Washington's WIA Youth Program, I understand the need for viable, robust infrastructure developments as they pertain to the services needed by our

PROGRAMS

- Education ■
- Job Training ■
- Housing ■
- Community Services ■

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- Yakima ■
- Wenatchee ■
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- Sunnyside ■
- Mt. Vernon ■
- Moses Lake ■
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constituents. The bandwidth to be provided by this project will enable us to provide additional services to our constituents.

Endorsing this project to deploy greater broadband access and bandwidth in our area means endorsing my organization's ability to better serve its purpose, and I do this most sincerely.

I endorse the funding award to serve Libraries, Public Computing Centers, Community Colleges and Cultural Center. Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darrel Armstead". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Darrel Armstead, Director
WIA Youth Program



CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

August 6, 2009

Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
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RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

To Whom It May Concern:

Central Washington University's College of Education and Professional Studies is pleased to provide this letter of support to Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council proposed video conferencing system as part of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application.

As a postsecondary institution, CWU's College of Education and Professional Studies knows the difficulty in providing training to local residents that live in rural and remote areas of our region. Once Yakima County and the South Central Workforce Council establish a larger video conferencing network, we will be able to use this as an additional avenue to deliver basic education, English as a second language and other educational programs to citizens of our area.

Additionally, CWU's College of Education and Professional Studies supports the NoaNet and the Northwest GigaPoP to build a core internet infrastructure that will reach into communities across Washington by building advanced capabilities into libraries, cultural center, key medical centers and clinics and government facilities. Such a system can only provide added and improved services to those residents that are currently underserved rural regions of Washington State. For this college this means that educational programs can be provided through internet based instruction to areas not served by our Centers.

It is our hope that the United States Departments of Agriculture and Commerce will look favorably on the application.

Sincerely,

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Ethan Bergman, Associate Dean
College of Education and Professional Studies

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August 6, 2009

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN:0660-ZA28

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

To Whom It May Concern:

People For People strongly supports the Northwest Open Access Network's (NoaNet) application to provide the technological infrastructure for our rural, unserved, and underserved communities to utilize video conferencing. This opportunity with Yakima County and South Central Workforce Council will support the video conferencing at sites that People For People currently serves.

People For People is a local non-profit that provides employment and training services to assist disadvantaged adults and dislocated workers to become self-sufficient with high wage jobs through our integrated One-Stop Career Centers, WorkSource. Providing service in Yakima and Kittitas counties, there are limited educational and vocational opportunities for our citizens to gain the necessary skills to be competitive in today's job market. Additionally, there is no public transportation system in Kittitas and limited transit in Yakima County. This compounds the ability for individuals to access education and training. Establishing a video conferencing network will provide access to education, training, and career-building workshops in our isolated and remote areas of our region to meet the needs of our local workforce.

The technology to provide video conferencing is critical to increasing equal access to education and training opportunities to have a skilled workforce that promotes economic development and improves the life for citizens in our communities.

People For People fully endorses the NoaNet application and looks forward to the opportunities that this provides. Please feel free to contact me at mcarlson@pfp.org or (509) 248-6726, if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,

Madelyn Carlson
People For People, CEO

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August 7, 2009

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We are located in south-central Washington. Broadband services are not readily available in all areas to support the needs of the constituents in our communities. As the Chief Information Officer of a regional Educational Service District, I understand the need for viable, robust information infrastructure required for people to access educational resources via the internet. The bandwidth provided through this project will enable people in rural areas of our regional access to educational resources they currently do not have.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

August 7, 2009

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

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Sincerely,

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Jane M. Gutting, PhD
Superintendent
Educational Service District 105



The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

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Thursday, August 20, 2009

To: BIP and BTOP Grant Directors

From: Confederated Tribes of Colville Indian Reservation

The Confederated Tribes of Colville strongly endorses the application of NoaNet (Northwest Open Access Network) to link educational and health centers throughout the State of Washington. NoaNet's current proposal will bring links to the exterior boundaries of the Colville Indian Reservation and will compliment the Tribes' proposal through inter-connection agreements at key meet points.

NoaNet has pioneered broadband aggregation to bring scarce resource opportunities to remote rural communities. The Confederated Tribes of Colville has been in direct discussion with NoaNet about joining NoaNet's alliance of networks should the Tribe receive funding for its proposed Colville Confederated Network middle-mile proposal.

NoaNet has similarly been supportive of Colville's efforts to bring broadband to its reservation. Sharing mutual resources and conjoining local networks can only benefit all communities in Washington. We deem NoaNet's application innovative, meriting strong consideration.

Sincerely,

Michael O. Finley, Chairperson
Colville Business Council
Colville Confederated Tribes

August 20, 2009

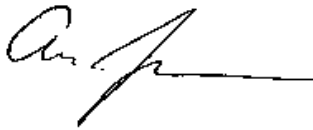
Northwest Open Access Network
Attn - Greg Marney (CEO)
5802 Overlook Ave NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

Dear Mr. Marney,

Thank you for your recent request to provide financing, in the form of a \$58,312,332, twenty year term loan, to Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) for the purpose of funding NoaNet's portion of the ARRA-BTOP grant application BB Infrastructure Project (the Project). We value our long standing credit relationship with NoaNet and support the work you and your members have done to expand high speed internet access in rural Washington State.

While the Project will build on the important work you have done, and it will contribute significantly to the economic vitality of Washington State, the size and term of this request make it one we are unable to support.

While we are unable to provide this particular financing, we look forward to continuing to work with NoaNet on future projects. I would be happy to answer any questions you have regarding this decision.



Alex Johnston
Senior Vice President
(206) 358-8938

Cc Doug Bowsby, Bank of America