



NoaNet Staff
August 5, 2009

NoaNet has 25 full-time equivalent employees. Greg Marney and Dave Spencer are Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer/Chief Operating Officer, respectively. NoaNet was founded in February 2000. The following are NoaNet's key staff members:

Greg L. Marney, Chief Executive Officer. Greg Marney has 30 years of experience in the electric utility industry and 10 years experience in the telecommunications industry. Mr. Marney worked for Douglas PUD for 30 years, and retired from Douglas PUD as Assistant Manager/Distribution System Superintendent. He held the positions of Acting Treasurer and Purchasing Agent during his tenure at Douglas. Mr. Marney was selected as NoaNet's CEO at its organizational Board meeting in February, 2000. Mr. Marney earned a B.S. degree in Business Administration from Central Washington University.

David H. Spencer, Chief Operating Officer/Treasurer. Prior to joining NoaNet in 2000, Mr. Spencer worked for POWER Engineers, Hailey, Idaho, an engineering, consulting and management firm focusing on information technology and telecommunications. Prior to his work with POWER, Mr. Spencer was the owner and Chief Executive Officer of an information technology company in Boise, Idaho. Mr. Spencer earned a B.S. in Physics from the College of Idaho and a masters' degree in Operations Research from Oregon State University.

William R. Kopp, Chief Technical Officer. William Kopp's experience in telecommunications prior to joining NoaNet is 2000 includes work as an intern at Amoco Mineral from 1981 through 1984, as a Sales Engineering and Project Manager designing and implementing large scale telecommunications systems at the ROLM Corporation (during which time the company was acquired first by IBM and then jointly by IBM and Siemens) and as a Senior Information Technology Consultant at POWER Engineers. Mr. Kopp earned a degree in Digital Electronics from Boise State University in 1984.

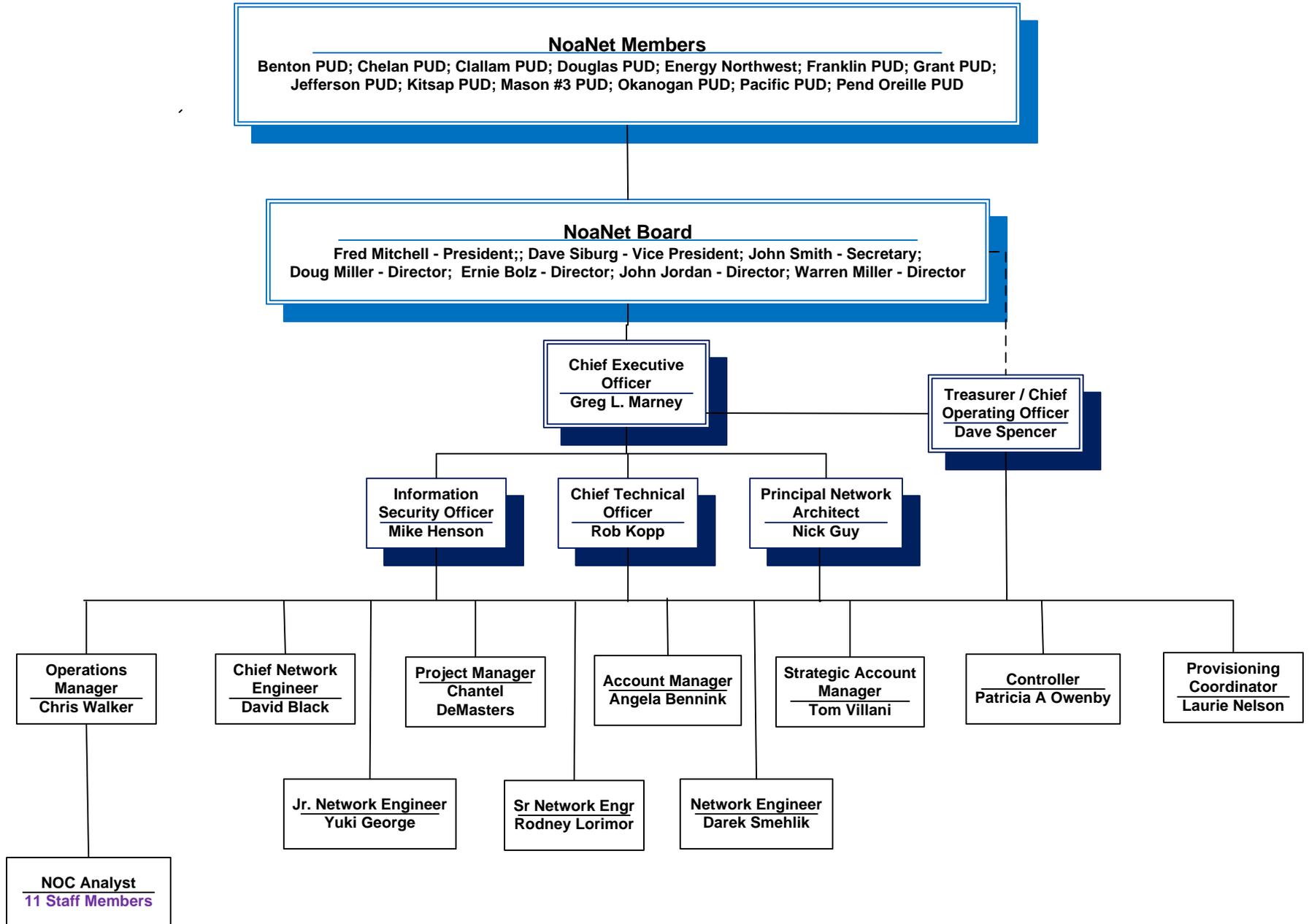
Mike Henson, Information Security Officer/Operations Director. Prior to joining NoaNet in 2001, Mr. Henson worked for Netigy Corporation, Sunnyvale, CA, an engineering, consulting and management firm focusing on information technology and telecommunications. Prior to his work with Netigy Corporation, Mr. Henson was the technical manager for the western region telecommunications and utilities for the Oracle Corporation in Redwood City, CA. Mr. Henson



majored in Chemistry and Mathematics with a concentration in Physics at the University of South Alabama.

Nick Guy: Principal Network Architect CCNP,MCSE,CCIE(w). Prior to joining NoaNet in 2004, Mr. Guy managed Network Operations for Semaphore Corporation, a business oriented Internet and Application Service Provider that provided fully managed private networks and consulting services. Previously Mr. Guy ran Network Operations for Northwest Link, an ISP with 50,000 subscribers. Mr. Guy also spend 15 years working with people with disabilities. Mr. Guy's early college experience in mechanical engineering and liberal arts has been augmented with various networking certifications from Microsoft and Cisco.

Tom Villani, Service Providers Executive. Mr. Villani joined the team of a small Internet Service Provider (ISP) in early 1995 and helped develop it into a three-state regional service. Primary focus has been on business-to-business services for more than six years, with a focus on dedicated Internet access and relations with large organizations. Besides Internet broadband sales, the work history includes five years as a contract administrator for military projects as well as owning a successful small business. Mr. Villani holds a BS degree from Willamette University.





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March 15, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

CENCOM is the 911 agency for 8 Law Enforcement and 6 Fire Agencies in Kitsap County, Washington. On behalf of those agencies we support this NTIA BTOP application and commit \$20,000 toward the grant match if this project is awarded.

This broadband implementation will help CENCOM and our Police and Fire partners provide better service more efficiently, an important factor in attracting businesses to the Kitsap Peninsula. It will also significantly improve local government's ability to respond to and recover from disasters. Finally, it will increase the availability of broadband services for our residents, particularly in the rural areas of the Kitsap Peninsula.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Kirton
Director



Philip Morley
1820 Jefferson Street
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March 25, 2010

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

RE: Jefferson County Match Commitment for BTOP Broadband Application

To Whom It May Concern,

Jefferson County is pleased to commit \$1,651,045 in local match for the Jefferson County elements of the BTOP Broadband application sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet).

On March 1, 2010, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners unanimously signed a letter of official support for the Broadband project sponsored by NoaNet and the Washington State Department of Information Services. Broadband and this BTOP application are vitally important to our public agencies' ability to function, and to the economic future of Jefferson County.

Jefferson County is part of a strong coalition of local public agencies and private companies who are partnering together and with NoaNet to extend Broadband in Jefferson County. The Jefferson County Broadband Coalition's members include the County, the City and Port of Port Townsend, three school districts, our public hospital, library district, a state research university, community college, and our economic development council.

As a rural county isolated on Washington's wild Olympic Peninsula, Jefferson County is particularly hard hit by the lack of Broadband necessary to support our public institutions or our economy. We need Broadband.

Jefferson County will match our BTOP federal funding request with \$736,745 of local cash, plus an additional \$914,300 of in-kind match for Broadband in Jefferson County. Together, cash and in-kind contributions total \$1,651,045. This demonstrates Jefferson County's high commitment to Broadband, and our readiness to perform this capital project.

In summary, the Jefferson County Broadband Coalition combines a strong need and a practical plan with the broad community commitment matched with the financial resources to leverage a BTOP award into a robust Broadband network in a chronically un-served and under-served rural community. I hope you will approve this application.

Sincerely,

Philip Morley
Jefferson County Administrator

Cc: Jefferson County Commissioners
JeffCom Administrative Board



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CLARK COUNTY
WASHINGTON

March 23, 2010

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

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This letter of commitment is being offered in support of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant Application to provide Broadband services from Vancouver, Washington to Washougal, Washington. As sub-participants with NoaNet and Sawtooth Technologies, LLC, we have reviewed the proposal and agree to these obligations with final details to be negotiated at a later date.

Our project extends fiber optic infrastructure and equipment located at the Clark County Regional Technology Center, located at 708 West 13th Street, eastward out through downtown Camas, and finally connecting to the fiber serving the Washougal School District. This grant application will support justice and public safety entities which serve the general public, play an important role in regional Disaster Recovery responses, as well as provide broadband services to rural and under-served communities.

We are requesting \$1,000,000 in federal funding for the BTOP project, and Clark County's \$150,000 contribution (of the \$300,000 total) to the BTOP grant will be in the form of \$50,000 cash and \$100,000 in-kind contributions derived from existing fiber optic infrastructure and equipment (yet to be valued as per depreciation schedules), and Information Services staff consultant time for

engineering labor and design. Sawtooth Technologies, LLC agrees to contribute \$150,000 in the form of project management, secured right of ways, and in-kind contributions from other public agencies, with the final details to be negotiated at a later date. This arrangement will meet or exceed the 30% required matching contribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Scheuch
Director
Clark County Information Services
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3/24/2010

Brian Adams
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Bud J. Harris, Director

March 8, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Kitsap County is very enthusiastic and highly supportive of the opportunity to expand broadband services for the safety and service to our citizens. This application has a long list of participants and in itself clearly indicates both the need and collaborative spirit of this application.

This Broadband Stimulus application clearly aligns with two key visions of the Kitsap County Board of County Commissioners;

1. The Care-Net approach, through Kitsap Public Utility District, provides a critical service toward the safety of our citizens. Having open fiber to schools, libraries, as well as Law/Fire First Responder headquarters will dramatically improve local government abilities to take care of our citizens should the need arise.
2. This same fiber backbone also provides high-speed broadband to our schools. Aligned with the "no child left behind" concept, our goal for Kitsap County is to ensure "no child is left off-line".

The board of County Commissioners holds the authority to accept the grant award and approve budgetary allocations. There letter of support is included in this application. The cash match commitment of \$30,000 for Kitsap County will come from the Information Services budget. In addition, I am committed to dedicating the staff and resources necessary to successfully complete this project in a timely manner.

Sincerely,

Bud J. Harris, Director
Dept. of Information Services
and Facilities
Kitsap County



THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE

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March 16, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider this letter a "Letter of Financial Commitment". The Suquamish Tribe is willing to commit up to \$5,000.00 over a 3 year period in support of the Kit-Net initiative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wayne George".

Wayne George
Executive Director



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March 15, 2010

Ms. Mary McClure
Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council
P O Box 1934
Kingston, WA 98346

RE: ARRA Broadband Stimulus Grant Application

Dear Ms. McClure,

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of the ARRA Broadband Stimulus Grant process for full Fiber Optic build-out in Kitsap County.

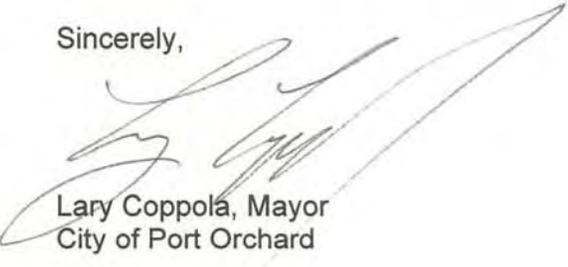
At its March 9, 2010, meeting, the Port Orchard City Council voiced its support of the ARRA Broadband Stimulus Grant, including approval of funding its proportionate share of matching funds of \$5,000 over a three-year period.

As you know, full build out of the fiber optic system means many things to the City of Port Orchard. For example, it will provide redundant connections for our first responder hubs which will ensure first responders will not be affected by "backhoe" incidents, as well as adding more fiber optic capacity that reaches into the rural areas of the County, there will be an indirect, positive effect on Port Orchard from an economic development standpoint. The City of Port Orchard sees fiber optic as the connection backbone for Wireless Access Points not only in our community, but throughout the County.

The City of Port Orchard fully supports the KRCC Kit-Net Policy Advisory Group's efforts in preparing for the ARRA Broadband Stimulus Grant application.

Please feel free to contact my office should you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Lary Coppola, Mayor
City of Port Orchard



March 24, 2010

Mr. Mike Henson
Chief Security Officer
NoaNet Headquarters
5802 Overlook Ave NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

RE: NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)
Round 2 Funding

Dear Mr. Henson:

The City of Port Angeles (City) agrees to contribute the cash and in-kind matching funds set forth in the proposal that NoaNet will be submitting on its behalf, with a total cost-share estimated not to exceed 30% for its component of the total award.

The City agrees to the terms and conditions of the Notice of Financial Assistance as published in the Federal Register (Vol. 75, No. 14 dated January 22, 2010), the proposal submitted, and any other general or special terms and conditions of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Round 2 (BTOP2) funding award.

The City also agrees to complete its respective portions of the projects funded by the BTOP2 award and to do so in accordance with the provisions of the proposal and all applicable terms and conditions.

If NoaNet receives an award, the City will enter into an Agreement to accept the terms and conditions of the grant award.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Cutler, P.E.

Director

Department of Public Works and Utilities

cc: Larry D. Dunbar, Director of Power Systems

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March 10, 2010

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Greg Marney
Chief Executive Officer
Northwest Open Access Network
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Dear Ms. Walsh and Mr. Marney,

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is pleased to award the Washington State Library (WSL) a grant of \$1,500,000. As the lead applicant, the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) will be submitting a proposal on March 15, 2010 to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) under the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program's (BTOP) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure funding category. We understand WSL will be a partner in NoaNet's BTOP proposal. The foundation's grant funds are to be used to match a portion of the BTOP project costs attributed to extending a fiber optic network to provide ultra-high speed connections to public library facilities as community anchor institutions.

The foundation's grant is contingent on NoaNet receiving a BTOP award from NTIA and on the execution of a grant agreement between WSL and the foundation. The grant will be paid in two equal installments to WSL. The first payment will be disbursed shortly after NoaNet's receipt of an official BTOP award notice, and the second and final grant payment will be disbursed approximately one year after the first payment.

We are pleased to support WSL and NoaNet in their application to NTIA and their efforts to meet community needs through high-quality technology and broadband Internet access in Washington.

Sincerely,



Allan C. Golston
President
U.S. Program

Cc: Jill Nishi, Deputy Director, U.S. Libraries Initiative



Kitsap Regional Library

Jill Jean

Library Director

Kitsap Regional Library

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March 22, 2010

Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept this letter as commitment from Kitsap Regional Library (KRL) to provide \$5,000 of the matching funds toward the fiber infrastructure linking all the community library sites of the Kitsap Public Library.

Our libraries are needed now more than ever during this time of high unemployment. KRL has seen a significant increase in the number of people using the public computers at their branch libraries. Many of these people are using the library's resources for job applications, resume writing, and researching job opportunities.

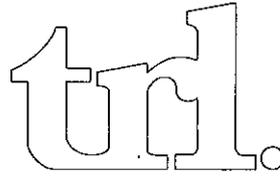
Additionally, we participate in the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council's Kit-Net group, including the county, all the cities, fire districts, and schools. One of goals of Kit-Net is to participate in Care-Net through Kitsap Public Utility District providing a broadband network linking all the first responders in the event of an emergency. The role of Kitsap Regional Library is to provide appropriate and effective information at all of our community libraries to the public in the event of an emergency. Being physically linked with high speed fiber, we will have direct access to information from first responders and will be able to provide this to the public.

Sincerely,

Jill Jean

Library Director

Kitsap Regional Library



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March 19, 2010

Mike Henson
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RE: Cash Match for NoaNet BTOP Round Two Broadband Infrastructure Grant Application

Timberland Regional Library (TRL) is participating with NoaNet in a BTOP Round Two Broadband Infrastructure grant application. We understand that BTOP funds, as well as matching funds from the Gates Foundation, will be requested to extend broadband to four Timberland Regional Library branches: Amanda Park Timberland Library, Hoodspport Timberland Library, Packwood Timberland Library and Westport Timberland Library. TRL is committed to contributing a \$5,000 cash match per site to fund the fiber build to these locations for a total of \$20,000.

Sincerely,

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Michael Crose
Interim Executive Director
Timberland Regional Library



Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
HCHB Room 4812
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: NTIA BTOP EasyGrants ID # 5376 General Manager Statement of Commitment

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Please consider this letter as the Pend Oreille County Public Utility District's commitment to be a named applicant in the above named NTIA BTOP Round 2 Application. Furthermore, the District will commit the resource levels stated below to support our portion of Application 5376 for federal stimulus dollars to pursue the installation of fiber optic facilities to unserved and underserved areas with anchor institutions within the District's service area.

The Project within the Pend Oreille County represents the District's commitment to continual pursuit of efficiency and reliability in our service to the people and businesses of our communities. Our rural service area spans more than 1,400 square miles. The District has integrated telecommunications into our Utility to improve electrical operations as well as to provide broadband to rural populations of the County.

The District is committed to an existing depreciated asset in-kind contribution of \$1,900,000, unless encumbered by an existing Round 1 application, and a maximum cash contribution of \$333,786 as detailed in the application for broadband implementation to these underserved communities of the next 2 ½ years. The receipt of the federal matching grant funds will enable the project, which would otherwise not be accomplished due to lack of funding, to provide infrastructure of significant importance to our customers living in the communities and tribal nations greatly affected by the current economic downturn.

The District's Board of Commissioners holds final authority to approve budgetary allocations for P.U.D. operations. However, as General Manager it is my responsibility for making the decisions necessary to recommend organizational resources essential to appropriately support project tasks.

On behalf of Pend Oreille Public Utility District, it is our sincere commitment to fully dedicate the resources as stated above to facilitate the timely and successful completion of the project within Pend Oreille County.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Geddes
General Manager

c Board of Commissioners
John Jordan
Joe Onley



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Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Re:

National Telecommunications and Information Administration-Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)-Kitsap County Public Utility District 1 EasyGrants ID #5376

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

DTMicro, Inc., a Washington based broadband service provider located in Kitsap County Washington gives it full support of and endorsement for the Kitsap County Public Utility District 1 grant application. This will provide broadband connection points to areas where DTMicro is interested in providing last mile services.

As a provider of local broadband services DTMicro requires access to reliable, affordable and high capacity infrastructures to increase bandwidth, internet and IP services to our clients, KPUD's project proposal will provide key connectivity that will enable DTMicro to realize these objectives.

DTMicro, Inc. urges you to support the KPUD State of Washington Broadband Consortium grant. We believe the KPUD grant application as designed will substantially increase capabilities and enhance broadband availability and the effectiveness of health care, public safety, emergency response and educational institutions across Kitsap County.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Tucker". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

David Tucker
DTMicro, Inc.
President



March 22, 2010

Tony Tortorice
State CIO
Department of Information Services (DIS)
1110 Jefferson Street SE
Olympia, WA 98504-2445

Mr. Tortorice:

I'd like to clarify CenturyLink's intentions related to NoaNet's Round Two broadband stimulus application.

While CenturyLink will not participate as co-applicant or subrecipient in NoaNet's grant application, CenturyLink anticipates bidding on a contracting opportunity with DIS to provide ethernet transport services to 60+ rural schools and libraries within the company's most rural service territories.

This approach both is consistent with the company's ongoing history as a service provider to DIS, and helps further CenturyLink's long-standing goal of deploying broadband to rural communities across the state of Washington. CenturyLink, formerly CenturyTel and EMBARQ, began deploying broadband services to rural Washington as early as 1999. And while CenturyLink now covers nearly 30 percent of the state's landmass, including some of the most rural sections of the state, the company already has achieved 88% broadband deployment across its footprint. This is no small accomplishment, given the challenges of both the topography and the sparse population densities in the areas CenturyLink serves.

CenturyLink looks forward to working with DIS once the Round Two application is granted. Please feel free to contact me should you have questions.

Sincerely,

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March 20, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Re: National Telecommunications and Information Administration – Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) - Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) State of Washington Broadband Consortium EasyGrants ID # 5376

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

EcliptixNet Broadband, Inc., a rural-based wireless Internet service provider (WISP) located in Eastern Washington State and current USDA RUS broadband grant awardee gives its full support of and endorsement for the **Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) State of Washington Broadband Consortium** grant application as it will provide critically needed, middle-mile interconnection points for not only our current RUS-funded broadband infrastructure, but our own **Northeast Washington Rural Broadband Access Network (NWRBAN)** application.

As a rural, last-mile, broadband service provider, EcliptixNet requires reliable, affordable, high-capacity middle-mile infrastructure to provide the long-haul transport of our network traffic back to our operations facilities. NoaNet's project proposal will provide key middle-mile connectivity as a fully diverse backhaul path to our Network Operations Center in Spokane, WA. NoaNet's proposed fiber network builds on, and supports not only their current **NTIA BTOP Round 1 Awarded** fiber infrastructure, but EcliptixNet's current RUS-funded broadband infrastructure in the communities of Springdale, Marcus, and Northport, WA. **The award of both the NoaNet BTOP and EcliptixNet BIP projects will truly leverage current and future ARRA funding through NTIA, as well as previous, current, and future ARRA and Farm Bill funding through RUS.**

EcliptixNet intends to interconnect with the NoaNet's State of Washington Broadband Consortium grant at the proposed fiber termination nodes in the communities of Republic and Colville, WA for the purpose of completing a four-node, fully diverse, middle-mile optical ring to transport our last-mile, network traffic. These interconnections will be critical entry/exit points for EcliptixNet's NWRBAN last-mile BIP application.

EcliptixNet urges you to support the NoaNet State of Washington Broadband Consortium grant. Not only is it exceedingly strong and well-developed, the middle-mile transport capabilities it provides will substantially increase the broadband availability to and effectiveness of health care, public safety, emergency response, social and health service, and educational institutions across the state.

Sincerely,

Jeff Tamietti,
Owner
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March 3, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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RE: EASYGRANTS ID #5376 – STATE OF WASHINGTON BROADBAND CONSORTIUM

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing to offer my support for the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas.

The Washington State Enhanced 911 Program and the Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) served by the program express support for the application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program being submitted by the State of Washington Broadband Consortium.

911 is the national number for emergency assistance. Washington State has an advanced program for support of 911 including ongoing efforts to improve the technology to meet the needs of the public. In areas that are underserved for telecommunications infrastructure, including broadband services, it is a challenge to the program to provide the advanced services that demand broadband transmission speeds for adequate messaging capability.

One of the goals of The Washington State E911 Program is ubiquity of service, statewide. That goal was established by the voters of the state when they approved the formation of the program in 1991. No differentiation of service was made between areas of the state or the state of technology in those areas. 911 should provide the same performance to every caller regardless of location. What was required for technological support to meet this goal has varied as the public expectations changed. Today the public expects 911 services to be both available 100% of the time and to be capable of advanced functions such as location of wireless callers. These advanced features require real-time transfer of large information files that can be accomplished only with broadband speeds.



Mr. Lawrence Strickling
March 3, 2010
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PSAPs are located throughout the state including areas that are underserved for broadband capability. In developing this application the State of Washington Broadband Consortium has taken a look at the needs of PSAPs, statewide, and included those where adequate connectivity to broadband is unavailable. Ultimately the inclusion of those facilities can become a major contributor to 911 services and the ability to deliver the public safety services they deserve.

We endorse and support the Washington Broadband Consortium application and urge your approval.

Sincerely,

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Robert G. Oenning
State E911 Administrator

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JUSTICENET

The Washington State law and justice community is helping develop a proposal, under the name *JusticeNet*, for a grant submission in early 2010 to expand and extend broadband services to law and justice organizations in unserved and underserved communities, many in rural areas. Under the ARRA, the U.S. Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is conducting two rounds of grant awards for broadband infrastructure under its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). *JusticeNet* will be included in the response to the second round Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) expected to be issued by NTIA in January.

The *JusticeNet* project would provide infrastructure and connectivity to enable law and justice-related entities – courts, law enforcement agencies, clerks, prosecutors, public defenders, civil legal aid, law libraries, and others – to enhance access to justice, increase public safety, increase efficiency, promote better communications including expanded capacity for real-time video communications, and enable other bandwidth-intensive applications.

Some of the potential benefits from a statewide, high-speed *JusticeNet* include:

- Conducting bail, traffic, and other hearings via streaming video.
- Delivering on-demand, interactive training for judges, court personnel, public defenders, civil legal aid and pro bono attorneys and others.
- Connecting qualified interpreters in one part of the state with courts in other parts of the state.
- Connecting courthouse-based support systems with court users, including the public, litigants and attorneys, without users having to come to the courthouse.
- Providing on-demand access for the public to effective legal education.
- Better integrating judicial and administrative systems both functionally and geographically.

The project has identified entities and organizations interested in participating and has obtained notices from them indicating their intent to participate and lists of facilities which should be considered for broadband connection or additional broadband capacity. In December and January a survey was conducted to gather information needed for the grant application.

Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program

A major focus of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is to build broadband communications infrastructure and corresponding communications and information delivery capacity throughout the state, especially those areas that are

unserved or underserved with broadband capacity. A core ARRA initiative is the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), which has five core purposes:

- a. To provide access to broadband service to consumers residing in unserved areas of the country;
- b. To provide improved access to broadband service to consumers residing in underserved areas of the country;
- c. To provide broadband access, education, awareness, training, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions (e.g., schools, libraries, medical facilities), or organizations and agencies serving vulnerable populations (e.g., low-income, unemployed, aged), or job-creating strategic facilities located in state- or federally-designated economic development areas;
- d. To improve access to, and use of, broadband service by public safety agencies; and
- e. To stimulate the demand for broadband, economic growth, and job creation.

For the first round, under the auspices of a Broadband Advisory Council established by the Governor, an initial set of applications was developed and submitted in response to a NOFA issued by NTIA in June 2009. Germane to this request was a Washington State-based proposal led by Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet), a not for profit wholesale carrier operating in the state, to establish a MedicalNet and LibraryNet – integrated, high speed broadband infrastructure systems designed to transfer real time information, resources, training, communications, and service capacities and applications within the medical and public library communities. This Round 1 application is in the final stages of due diligence with the NTIA reviewers.

Building on the approach outlined in the Round I NTIA proposal, and with the objective of developing a solid Round II proposal for submission to NTIA during the first Quarter of 2010, we have been working with NoaNet in the development of a *JusticeNet* component for the Round II proposal, the essence of which will be to establish physical high speed, broadband connections with justice system (as defined in the broadest sense) and law enforcement related locations throughout the state of Washington, with special emphasis on serving those rural and remote locations that lack necessary infrastructure to carry critical justice-related technology applications.

The Washington State *JusticeNet*
An Integrated Broadband Communications Network
Supporting Law Enforcement, Public Safety, the Courts
and Court Support Systems in Washington State

Throughout Washington State – in every community and in every geographic region -- thousands of people (a large percentage of whom are poor or otherwise vulnerable) daily interface with local and statewide civil and criminal law and justice systems. From criminal law enforcement through victims' rights protection; from facilitating civil justice and protection for victims of domestic violence to ensuring that courts have the necessary information to make informed bail and sentencing decisions; from ensuring that field law enforcement and public safety officers have timely information about criminal and civil histories of individuals with whom they encounter to ensuring effective access for the public to core law, justice and public safety services, there is an increasing imperative to build and maintain infrastructure to support coordinated and integrated broadband-based law and justice communications and information systems.

The Washington State *JusticeNet* will provide the infrastructure and connectivity to enable courts at all levels (including tribal courts), administrative adjudicatory bodies, law enforcement agencies, county clerks, prosecutors, public defenders, civil legal aid and pro bono programs, law libraries and others to achieve a high level of both public and private connectivity – connectivity that will enable us to carry dedicated technology applications that enhance access to justice, increase public safety, promote better and more timely communications and information sharing between law enforcement and state, local and tribal justice system sub-sectors (courts, judges, court clerks and administrators, judicial information systems, etc.), expand capacity to stream real-time interactive video communications, deliver effective training and better integrate components of the judicial and administrative systems both functionally and geographically.

This broadband infrastructure will facilitate timely and effective intra- and inter-sector and inter-jurisdictional communication so that our law enforcement agencies, civil and criminal courts, prosecutors, public defenders, legal aid providers, state and county law libraries and community and courthouse-based public computer centers will have ready access to required high speed applications that they need to promote and enhance public safety, ensure fair, effective and efficient administration of justice and protect the rights and liberties of all who are subject to our legal and justice system. Central to the *JusticeNet* initiative is the establishment and support of highly interactive broadband public access capacity that will enable all residents of Washington State, including those living in Indian Country, to have high speed access to information about their legal rights and responsibilities, the law and justice system, how to access law enforcement agencies and how to access necessary legal help regardless of where they live or their personal status. Sustained public access will be made available from home and community based computers.

Lists of *JusticeNet* partners and specific proposed applications to be sustainably operated through the *JusticeNet* are attached.

Proposed Sustainable Applications to be Supported and Maintained Through the Washington State *JusticeNet*

- Provide real-time, high speed, broadband connectivity between the courts, judicial information systems and law enforcement information systems regardless of location
- Conduct bail, pretrial and other appropriate hearings via streaming video without unnecessary transfers, travel, delay or time away from other duties or work
- Adjudicate traffic and other cases via streaming video or other internet means without unnecessary, travel, delay or time away from other duties or work
- Deliver on-demand streaming, interactive training for judges, court personnel, public defenders, prosecutors, administrative law judges, legal aid and pro bono attorneys and others who play critical roles in the administration of justice
- Effectively connect qualified interpreters who are physically unavailable or who reside in one part of the state with courts and administrative tribunals in other parts of the state
- Provide on-demand access for the public, in partnership with public community based libraries, law libraries and public computer centers, to streaming video public legal education and “know your rights” training, interactive form document creation and assembly systems, and other services for members of the public and unrepresented litigants
- Effectively connect courthouse based support systems (e.g., courthouse facilitators) with court users without such users having to come to the courthouse
- Provide real-time access to assistive technologies for court and administrative justice system users with disabilities

WASHINGTON STATE JUSTICENET PARTNERS

- Washington Supreme Court
- Washington Judicial Information Systems Committee
- Administrative Office of the Courts
- Washington State Office of Public Defense
- Washington State Office of Civil Legal Aid
- Washington State Office of the Attorney General
- Washington State Office of Administrative Hearings
- Washington State Department of Information Services
- Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
- Washington State Patrol
- Washington Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
- Dispute Resolutions Centers of Washington
- 30 Statewide, regional and local civil legal aid programs
- Washington State Alliance for Equal Justice
- Legal Foundation of Washington
- Washington State Access to Justice Board
- Washington State Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee
- Washington State Superior Court Judges Association
- Washington State District and Municipal Court Judges Association
- Washington Association of County Clerks
- Washington State Bar Association
- Washington Defender Association
- University of Washington Information School
- Kalispel Tribe of Indians
- Tulalip Tribe
- Chehalis Tribe
- Gonzaga University School of Law
- Seattle University School of Law
- University of Washington School of Law
- NoaNet (Northwest Open Access Network)
- Pacific Northwest GigaPop
- Communities Connect of Washington
- Washington State Law Library Association
- Washington Association of County and City Information Systems



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March 1, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickland:

I am writing in support for the extension of broadband services to Battle Ground Municipal Court.

Increased broadband capabilities will enhance access to justice, increase public safety and efficiencies within the Court and will promote better communications.

Our Court and the citizens we serve will benefit by the availability of streaming video to conduct hearings, to connect with qualified interpreters, to participate in interactive training for court personnel and by the ability to provide on-demand access for the public to effective legal education. It would allow us to connect courthouse-based support systems with court users, including the public, litigants and attorneys, without users having to come to the courthouse.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John M. Williams", written over a horizontal line.

John M. Williams
Acting City Manager / Court Administrator

cc: Judge Greg Gonzales, Battle Ground Municipal Court



Richard A. Kirton, Director

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March 15, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

CENCOM is the 911 agency for all law enforcement and fire agencies in Kitsap County. Like many 911 agencies we've deployed a cellular based mobile data network in all of our police and fire vehicles. All of our agencies have data sharing agreements and the system is linked not only to our dispatch computer system but also to both law enforcement and fire records management systems. Floor plan and hazard information for most commercial and multi-family residential structures is available to all responders, regardless of jurisdiction as are emergency response plans for all schools and larger commercial structures. Our law enforcement agencies also have data sharing agreements with other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies in the greater Puget Sound area. Our network is also linked with the Department Of Emergency Management, which they use to communicate with Fire Department Area Command Centers in disasters and storm situations.

Unfortunately, our network is flawed. We have single paths from our building to the Kitsap County Courthouse/ Administration Campus and to the Norm Dicks Government Center. We have a single path to the internet. One inattentive backhoe driver can render our data network completely inoperable. Attempts to obtain diverse routing through our existing network provider or through another commercial provider have failed due to the high cost.

Additionally, we don't have any connectivity to some of our fire stations and City Emergency Operations Centers. In other locations we have to rely on dial up connections, or leased telephone lines. So, despite a wealth of available data we don't have the bandwidth or system reliability to always get the information where it needs to go. The ability to transfer large amounts of data will become more critical with the implementation of Next Generation 911 and the capabilities to capture and transfer more data from 911 callers, telematics service providers, alarm companies, and others.

This broadband implementation will help CENCOM and our Police and Fire partners provide better service more efficiently, an important factor in attracting businesses to the Kitsap Peninsula.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Kirton
Director



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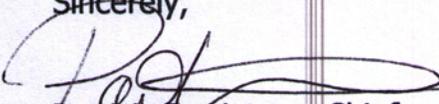
Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This letter is written in support of improving broadband access to rural communities. As the Fire Chief and a citizen of Clallam Bay\Sekiu I have daily access and interaction to and with Parks.

Improved broadband access will impact our community in many ways, the most important being better communications capabilities for Emergency Response Personnel on a day to day and emergency response basis.

Any improvement in communications will only increase our ability to work together with all of our partners in preparedness.

Sincerely,


Patricia D. Hutson, Chief

Commissioners
*Crystal Corliss * Cathe Walde * Jeffry Kopis*



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March 16, 2010

Mr. Mike Henson
Chief Security Officer
Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)
5802 Overlook Ave., NE
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Dear Mr. Henson:

Clallam County Fire District #3 hereby indicates its enthusiastic support for and intended partnership with NoaNet's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Broadband Mobile Wireless Project for the City of Port Angeles.

Your proposed public safety wireless broadband infrastructure will dramatically improve our operations by enabling new fixed-site and mobile access capabilities and adding a crucial layer of redundancy for existing communications among our Firefighters and EMS personnel.

As a measure of our support, we also commit to providing project funding in the form of a 30% match for the purchase of mobile terminal equipment, and ongoing support for operation and maintenance of the wireless network.

We applaud your innovative efforts to expand the region's broadband services to support public safety, and we look forward to working with you on this important broadband project.

Sincerely,

Steve Vogel
Chief
Fire District #3



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March 4, 2010

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Re: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
State of Washington Broadband Consortium
EasyGrants ID # 5376

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing this letter in support of the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas. The State of Washington Broadband Consortium has defined and developed a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to Community Anchor locations throughout counties of Washington.

The Institute for Extended Learning, one of three institutions that comprise the Community Colleges of Spokane, delivers a wide variety of educational programs to rural locations in the six counties of eastern Washington. Specifically, the Republic and Inchelium sites located in Ferry County offer courses leading to an associate of arts degree or various associate of applied science certificates and degrees. In addition, video conferencing is widely used at these sites to deliver a variety of educational and community classes. We feel favorable consideration of this grant will enable us to provide added benefit to the residents of Ferry County and surrounding areas not only in education but in the support of economic development and jobs training.

Increasing access to affordable, sustainable, and quality high speed Internet access levels the "geographical" playing field for remote areas of Washington. We believe the State of Washington Broadband Consortium plan and grant application has been developed in the true spirit of the requirements for funding under the BTOP Grant program. We respectfully request your favorable consideration of the Grant funding requested to assist in supporting increasing demands for network bandwidth and services to these sites.

Sincerely,

Gary A. Livingston
Chancellor

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March 10, 2010

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RE: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Community Colleges of Spokane - Institute for Extended Learning has education centers located in Colville, Inchelium, Ione, Newport and Republic, which are located in Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille Counties in northeast Washington State. We deliver quality, competitive educational services within our service area. We rely very heavily on high-speed telecommunication as we teach classes across geographic and distance barriers, using interactive video connectivity, and provide essential online services to students and the public, conduct research, and serve the region's training needs.

So often we experience broadband-related technology issues that disrupt our service delivery to students and the public. Having redundancy in our region's broadband service would certainly help resolve "down time" issues, plus provide so many other opportunities to the area to help stabilize our local economy and create jobs.

As a college, we train people to utilize technology for all the right reasons. It is extremely frustrating to individuals who learn to use technology and what that technology can do to improve their lives, only to find that no fiber or broadband exists where they live. Our region is truly rural. So many homes don't have telephone access, let alone broadband. And these are typically residents who need, and desire, to be gainfully employed.

The past two years have been truly difficult for area businesses; so many have had to lay off long-time employees. Our unemployment is high. This grant would provide the infrastructure needed to allow currently unemployed individuals opportunity to become entrepreneurs and to start and grow new businesses to help stabilize their lives and the economy.

It is with these thoughts that I respectfully request your consideration of an award of a "Northwest Open Access Network Broadband" grant to northeast Washington, allowing for enhanced broadband infrastructure which will result in expanded services to the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Jo Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Donna Jo Smith, Manager
Community Colleges of Spokane
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Mike Henson
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Dear Mr. Henson:

The Lower Elwha Tribal Police Department (LETPD) hereby indicates its enthusiastic support for and intended partnership with NoaNet's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Broadband Mobile Wireless Project serving the City of Port Angeles and the Lower Elwha Tribal Community.

The proposed public safety wireless broadband infrastructure will dramatically improve our operations by enabling new fixed-site and mobile access capabilities and adding a crucial layer of redundancy for our existing communications. Specifically, the wireless network will allow us to:

- Provide real-time communications support to our officers in the field;
- Provide mutual aid communications and share critical data with neighboring public safety jurisdictions: and
- Transmit high-resolution documentation, such as maps and other pertinent files, to officers and other personnel.
- It will allow the LETPD to connect the existing agency owned laptop/mobile data computers to an operational mobile data network (which we currently lack) and thus perform the above functions.

As a measure of our support, we also commit to providing project funding in the form of financial support to include monthly mobile use payment, purchase of terminal equipment, and other support consistent to that provided by other police agencies in this project.

We whole heartily support these innovative efforts to expand the region's broadband services to support public safety to our tribal community, and we look forward to working with you on this important broadband project.

Sincerely,

Rodney V. Charles
Chief of Police

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March 15, 2010

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RE: State of Washington Broadband Consortium, EasyGrants ID #5376

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

We are writing to offer our support for the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas.

We are multi-generational residents of Ferry county working as public servants in this rural isolated area of the state with the highest unemployment and just recently the unhealthiest population. We have very limited resources, making even something as simple as writing this letter of support or completing a survey a difficult and almost impossible task.

The courts in Ferry County share facilities and equipment. Superior court is part of a tri county judicial district with Stevens and Pend Oreille counties sharing 2 Judges and 1 court administrator. We have a connection through the Administrative Office of the courts but it is limited and we should be able to connect more thoroughly and utilize more advanced technology whatever that may be.

Broadband has been an issue in the county for years. This basic infrastructure is crucial to move ahead or just keep up with technology that is ever changing and progressing. We live in Ferry County because it is beautifully rural and isolated, but we do not need or choose to be cut-off. It would be very beneficial for us to utilize video conferencing technology to participate in educational meetings, trainings and provide access to indigent individuals trying to navigate the court system without an attorney.

Lawrence Strickling
March 12, 2010
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In the past a court facilitator was employed for that purpose but we were unable to continue the program due to the cost of travel. We need to take advantage of every opportunity that allows us to communicate more effectively and share our collective resources to better serve the public. The rural isolation is the best and the worst thing about Ferry county. Help us to make it just the best.

Respectfully,

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Jean M. Booher
Ferry County Clerk

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracy Palmier', written in a cursive style.

Tracy K. Palmier
District Court Administrator

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

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March 9, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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Re: JusticeNet Comprehensive Infrastructure Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Ferry County is a rural county in Washington State with a approximately eight thousand residents. The Colville Confederated Tribes covers more than half of our county and the National Forest makes up the remainder, leaving a taxable base of only about fifteen % of the County. Our county is not served by broadband technologies. The inclusion of such technologies could greatly enhance the services we can offer our citizens.

My office is willing to support the introduction of these technologies in Ferry County, Washington.

Sincerely,



FERRY COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT #1

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	Republic Medical Clinic	(509) 775-3153	fax 775-8929
	Curlew Medical Clinic	(509) 779-4049	fax 779-4004
	Physical Rehab Therapy	(509) 775-8400	fax 775-8401
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"Count on Us to Care"

March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Broadband Telecommunications Infrastructure for N.E. Washington State
NoaNet application, BTOP)

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Ferry County Public Hospital District #1 supports the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) application for broadband funding for Pend Oreille, Stevens and Ferry counties. The limitation of our current bandwidth infrastructure makes it difficult to unite rural primary care to urban specialist care. This program will be effective at combining existing access and technologies with appropriate broadband infrastructure to connect our healthcare providers in this currently underserved rural N.E. region of Washington State and enable us to call upon medical service specialty providers in the urban areas of the state, country, or world.

Broadband infrastructure is critical to the success and viability of Ferry County from a medical and economic perspective. High speed telecommunications has become a necessity for medical, academic, government and public safety services, and businesses to operate. The limitation of our current infrastructure makes it difficult to be successful. A few of our businesses and residents are still on dial-up which is obsolete; many do (as we) have access to limited bandwidth however it is slow and unreliable. The hospitals current up-load/down-load is 1.2 Mb. 98.2 Mb less than optimal.

Medical services cannot up-load or down-load critical medical data and imaging information with essential consistency and speed. When the bandwidth system is down, it is down (no redundancy) and there is no way to send life saving information anywhere it may be needed in a timely manner. Redundancy increases stability and availability for networks and internet resources.

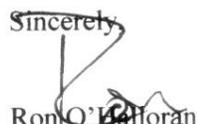
NoaNet is proposing to run fiber east/west from Pend Oreille County, Stevens County, through Ferry County to Okanogan County and its broadband infrastructure. This project will create community distribution loops to anchor institutions like our hospital and clinics, the school and libraries. These distribution loops will then be in a position to provide technology providers with the opportunity to expand services to organizations, businesses and services.

Ferry County Public Hospital District supports the availability of this viable, robust infrastructure service in our county. The bandwidth communications to be provided by this project will enable us to:

- Digitize existing medical records
- Network resources required for telemedicine
- Provide virtual access to healthcare specialists unavailable in local area
- Transfer and exchange information between healthcare facilities
- Provide access to online health education programs
- Enhance the utilization of existing technologies

Ferry County Public Hospital District #1 endorses this project and would be open to assisting NoaNet seek additional financing for IT infrastructure for our county.

Sincerely,


Ron O'Malloran
Administrator

cc:

Ms Julie Abernethy
Ferry County Economic Development Specialist
Tri-County Economic Development
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JOHN A. MILLER
Municipal Court Judge

BEVERLY OLSEN
Court Administrator

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February 25, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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Re: State of Washington Broadband Consortium Grant No.5376

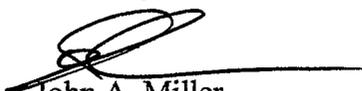
Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Fircrest Municipal Court wishes to offer this letter of support for the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas. Geographically, our City and Court facility is an arterial between two major cities resulting in thousands of misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor charges being filed and heard each year.

Our judicial process has been evolving over the past few years to a computer oriented industry versus a paper industry. Where we once accessed and reported charges to various agencies (4,000 to 5,000 annually) by paper product, we now are encouraged and required at times to utilize the internet. Fircrest Municipal Court is now preparing, in conjunction with our Police Department, to begin utilizing E-Ticketing or electronic ticket filing. The bandwidth we currently have (256Kb-640Kb) is marginal for running any web based applications.

Fircrest Municipal Court remains committed in promoting effective administration of justice and related services. The extension of broadband capacity will enable the Court to receive and deliver judicial information as prescribed by law.

Sincerely,


John A. Miller
Presiding Judge


Beverly Olsen
Court Administrator



Grant County District Court

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Judge Richard C. Fitterer

Judge Janis M. Whitener-Moberg

February 25, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This is a letter of support for George Municipal Court who has been selected for inclusion in the Washington State Round 2 application for broadband infrastructure expansion.

Grant County District Court (GCDC) has an Interlocal Agreement with George Municipal Court to provide a District Court judge to adjudicate violations of the City of George civil ordinances. GCDC has been providing court services to the City of George since March 4, 1985.

George Municipal Court truly needs the expansion of the broadband services to better serve Grant County and the City of George with their services in the area of law and justice organizations. The City of George is a rural area desperately in need of a broadband infrastructure.

Some of the potential benefits from a statewide high-speed JusticeNet would include the ability to save cost to both the county and the city by conducting bail, traffic and other hearings via streaming video. This would improve the citizen's access to the courts as well as the prompt resolution of disputes.

Grant County has a population of 28.3% Spanish only speaking residents. Certified court interpreters are required for all hearings where a party is monolingual in the Spanish language. District Court and the City of George have an extensive need of interpreter services. Certified interpreters in this county are limited in number and not always available. The average cost per hour is \$55 with a two hour minimum show up fee plus travel costs. Grant County is very rural so travel costs can be extensive. The ability to connect with qualified interpreters via video interpreting would be a huge cost savings while facilitating and enabling the county and City of George to provide easy access to justice and increase efficiency.

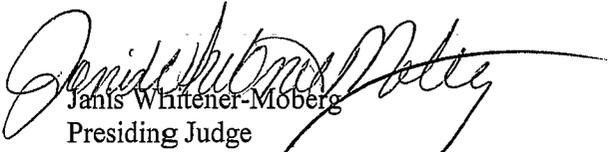
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PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO THE EPHRATA OFFICE

We strongly recommend the City of George for the expansion of the broadband infrastructure. It would tremendously aid in the integration of judicial and administrative systems both functionally and geographically.

Professionally,



Janis Whitener-Moberg
Presiding Judge



Barbara Smith
Court Administrator

Cc: Roland Rivera, Program Director
Broadband Technology Opportunity Initiative
Department of Information Services

Tom Carroll
Department of Information Services

Brian Backus
Administrative Office of the Courts

Cherie Escure
City Clerk of George



March 4, 2010

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Re: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
State of Washington Broadband Consortium
EasyGrants ID # 5376

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of Grays Harbor College, I am pleased to support the application by the State of Washington Broadband Consortium for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services for our state's unserved and underserved areas. The State of Washington Broadband Consortium has defined and developed a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to Community Anchor locations throughout this state.

One such Community Anchor tenant is Grays Harbor College's Columbia Education Center, located in Ilwaco (Pacific County), Washington, and we request to be considered a participant in this program. A primary goal of Grays Harbor College is to meet the broad educational needs of the community we serve. Funds in this grant will enable us to provide residents of South Pacific County with greater opportunities in education and will help support the area's economic development and job training. Increasing access to affordable, sustainable, and quality high speed Internet access will definitely improve the remote areas of Washington, such as the Ilwaco area. The State's Broadband Consortium plan and grant application has been developed adhering to the requirements for funding under the BTOP Grant program.

Thank you for favorably considering this grant request, which could definitely make a difference in the lives of rural Pacific County residents, served through our Columbia Education Center, which meets the criteria for inclusion as a Community Anchor site.

Sincerely,

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Ed Brewster
President

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickland:

I am a Radiologist in practice in the Colville/Chewelah/Kettle Falls community. My practice requires that I view test results and images on a regular basis through the office/hospital electronic medical record. The current broadband service that is available is totally inadequate to receive patient data in a timely manner and to view images that are detailed enough to make an accurate diagnosis.

With a larger broadband network for the region, my patients will be able to view their films with me and discuss appropriate treatment alternatives in their home community rather than traveling to Spokane or Seattle for care.

I strongly support the NoaNet Broadband application for northeastern Washington State. The ability to transmit health records and images is rapidly becoming a best-practice and will be expected as the industry moves to interoperable data exchange across the country.

It is my hope that NTIA will give every consideration to the NoaNet Broadband proposal for our communities. Funding this collaborative effort will lead to the best patient care that our citizens deserve.

Sincerely,

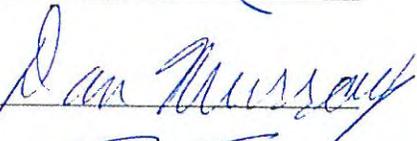
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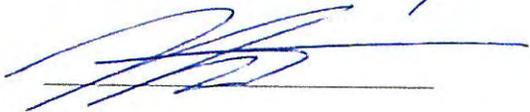
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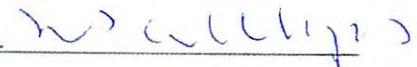
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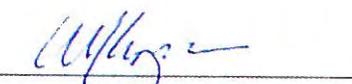
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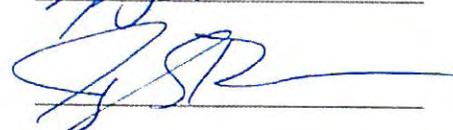
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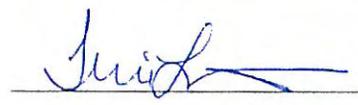
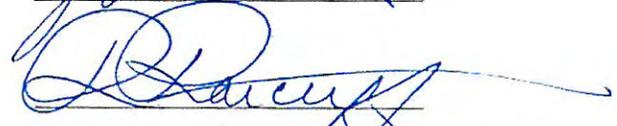
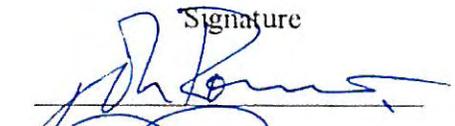
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SCOTT H. CARLETON MD

Terri Lewis, MD

Signature



East Jefferson Fire Chief's Association

March 8, 2010

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,

The East Jefferson County Fire Chief's Association, representing the Fire Chief's of East Jefferson Fire Rescue, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, Jefferson County Fire District # 2 (Quilcene), Jefferson County Fire District # 4 (Brinnon) and Jefferson Fire District # 5 (Discovery Bay) are pleased to offer their enthusiastic support to the broadband project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Washington State Department of Information Services.

If successful, this project will bring advanced broadband capabilities to our public safety infrastructure as well as our libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, key medical centers and clinics and other government facilities.

A strong consortium of local public agencies and private companies are partnering together to extend Broadband in Jefferson County. Together, we are working with and supporting NoaNet. In addition to our local fire departments, law enforcement agencies and emergency medical services, members include the County, the City of Port Townsend, three school districts, a public hospital, library district, a state research university, community college, and the Jefferson County economic development council.

Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,



Ed Wilkerson
President - East Jefferson Fire Chief's Association

February 3, 2010

To: NoaNet, Northwest Open Access Network
Through: EDC/ TEAM JEFFERSON

RE: Letter of support for NoaNet / Jefferson Broadband Coalition - Community Broadband Development Project

To whom it may concern:

Jefferson Healthcare has long had interest and has been supportive of efforts to bring high speed broadband telecommunications infrastructure in to our community and to our facility. As a significant consumer of telecommunications bandwidth we realize the benefits our institution will gain with access to high speed broadband. In our mission of providing high quality medical services to our community, we frequently utilize telecommunications connectivity to access and move electronic patient records, radiology images and to participate in Tele-health services. As is the case with many rural communities across the nation, we struggle with the costs and limitations imposed by restricted connectivity options. These limited options require us to be creative in provisioning the telecommunications connections necessary to cost effectively operate these aspects of our business. We have actively participated and embrace the efforts of the Jefferson County Broadband Coalition in pursuit of improved telecommunications infrastructure in Jefferson County.

It is our understanding that if Jefferson County Broadband Coalition is awarded a BTOP Round 2 Grant, to be provided by NoaNet, cost effective high speed broadband would be installed and available to Jefferson Healthcare. Please consider this letter as the declaration of Jefferson Healthcare's intent to connect, receive and support broadband services provided by NoaNet in its affiliation with the Jefferson County Broadband Coalition.

Sincerely,



Vic Dirksen,
Chief Executive Officer
Jefferson Healthcare



Roger Harrison,
Information Services Director
Jefferson Healthcare

Hospital

Home Health and
Hospice

Physical Therapy
& Rehabilitation

Clinics:

- Jefferson Medical & Pediatric Group
- Port Townsend Family Physicians
- South County Medical Clinic
- Olympic Primary Care
- Richard Lynn, MD
- Sleep Medicine



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March 1, 2010

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Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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In re: State of Washington Broadband Consortium EasyGrants ID # 5376

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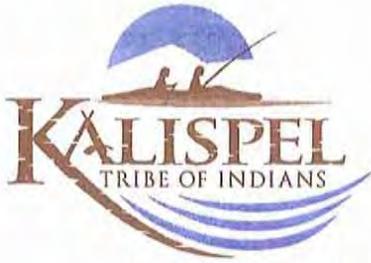
As judicial officers, department heads and administrators in the Jefferson County Law and Justice system the undersigned are writing in committed support of the Washington State Courts' effort to win funding for broadband access for our county and the many community partners who will benefit from adequate capacity to access the Internet.

We represent the Jefferson County Superior Court, District Court, Juvenile Court, Prosecutor and County Clerk. Our justice system serves a population struggling with high rates of rural poverty and underemployment. Modern broadband access will provide access to markets around the world and offer our citizens financial opportunities that will be analogous to proximity to rivers, highways, railroads and airports in past eras. We look forward to the changes that an equal chance at prosperity will bring to the individuals and families we see every day in our courts.

In specific reference to our own work, Washington State courts all input information into a statewide database of judicial information. Currently that system is archaic and the Courts have made repeated efforts to update it. When that effort is finally successful our county will be in a desperate situation, as the new system will be web-based and our courthouse connection to the Internet is woefully inadequate.

As it is, when we need to access the Internet we endure long pauses while the computer makes that connection for a page to come up. Any effort to improve our office efficiency is made moot by the wasted time spent waiting for each page to fill. If the database that all court clerks use for every court function were to be moved to a high-speed broad band connection significant savings would surely result. If we must move to our current low-speed Internet connection to process the next statewide courts' database the result will be burdensome in the extreme. We are relying on this grant as our best hope to be able to survive the transition to a modern case management system when that day inevitably arrives.

In addition to that basic core infrastructure concern, the Washington State Courts is currently seeking lower cost options for judicial and clerical education and communication through web-based classroom and meeting technology. Currently the only way to participate in a webcast from the courthouse is to go to the IT Department and sit at one of their monitors. Even so, buffering is a problem and many words and phrases are lost. There would be no way to be able to be an active presenter in such a context.



KALISPEL TRIBAL COURT

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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March 15, 2010

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This letter of commitment is being offered in support of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant Application which includes the Kalispel Tribe of Indians Tribal Court, Public Safety Department and Legal Office as law, justice and public safety entities which serve the general public as well as specific vulnerable populations (i.e., rural, low income, Native Americans). As sub-participants, we have reviewed the proposal and agree to those obligations with final details to be negotiated at a later date.

Our project extends fiber optic infrastructure and equipment from our Wellness Center to our Public Safety Department Building, and requests \$120,000 in federal funding for this very important project, our contribution to the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) portion of the BTOP Grant will be in the form of an in-kind contribution derived from our existing fiber optic infrastructure and equipment (yet to be valued as per depreciation schedule), and IT staff consultant time (Nelson Wenner and Kip Knapp, Cable and Wiring Specialists) for engineering labor and design. This contribution will meet or exceed the 36% required matching contribution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Martin Bohl, Presiding Judge - Kalispel Tribal Court, Usk, WA



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February 25, 2010

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Washington, DC 20230

Re: JusticeNet Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant Application – Kalispel Tribal Court

Dear Mr. Strickling:

In 1981 until my graduation in 1982, as a Gonzaga Law student I was clerking for a law firm in Spokane who represented the Kalispel Tribe. As a result, I was able to become familiar with the Tribe's issues and personnel. I started working full-time for the Tribe in 1985 as a Tribal planner and in-house counsel. I found the position challenging and, as the Tribal population of 220 with 1/3 of its population in Spokane County, 1/3 of the population elsewhere in the United States and 1/3 located on the Kalispel Indian Reservation whose lands were either on the hillsides of the Selkirk mountains or in the flood plain of the Pend Oreille River in Pend Oreille County, 57 miles north of Spokane, difficult to compete with larger Tribes who had greater land bases.

However the leadership of the Tribe saw potential economic success with the advent of computers and telecommunications. However due to the rural, mountainous area of the Tribe it became evident that the Kalispel Reservation was unlikely to benefit from development of telecommunications and the internet. The Tribe, until 2001, had to rely upon limited grants and contracts from the federal and state governments to fund and support Tribal programs that included public safety and judicial activities. The limited funds also limited the type and amount of services the Tribe could offer. That inability to serve a majority of the membership was unacceptable to the Tribal leaders.

The Kalispel Tribe was able to create new economic resources to supplement the government funds. The Tribe began to offer services to the entire membership that included the federal statute, Indian Child Welfare (ICW), activities that had in the past been ignored. As a result the Tribe began to exercise its rights under the federal law and began to become involved in Kalispel ICW matters in Washington State, other jurisdictions throughout the country, Mexico and Canada. Unfortunately, the current technology available to the Kalispel Legal Department has limited that involvement.

The Tribal Law Enforcement Program has grown during the recent past so that now the Program is responsible to provide Law Enforcement services to the Pend Oreille Reservation and the Tribe's newly acquired Reservation property in Airway Heights, Washington that is 80+ miles from Tribal Headquarters. The Airway Heights property is home to businesses that have become the Tribe's economic generator and are in constant need of legal assistance and advice. Unfortunately not all of the Tribe's offices in Airway Heights are served by the internet that creates legal and administrative problems.

With the enhanced connectivity made available through this grant the Tribe's legal office will be able to work more closely and quickly with the Tribal Court and Law Enforcement at their offices in Airway Heights and at Tribal Headquarter in Pend Oreille County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David C. Bonga".

David C. Bonga
Sr. Tribal Attorney
WSBA #13238

Providence Mount Carmel Hospital
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickland:

On behalf of Providence Mount Carmel and St. Joseph Hospitals, and Providence Health & Services Washington-Montana, we offer our enthusiastic support for the NoaNet Middle Mile Broadband proposal for the four counties of northeastern Washington State. This project would bring fiber connectivity directly to the key communities and a multitude of anchor institutions in great need of upgraded broadband service in this rural region. It would also complete the network of connected broadband services across the State that will facilitate access to every Washington resident and stimulate our economy.

True to the mission of the Sisters of Providence begun over 150 years ago, Mount Carmel and St. Joseph Hospitals are meeting the health needs of all people as they journey through life with respect, compassion, justice, excellence and stewardship. They model the seamless patient experience across the Providence ministries, especially the underserved residents who need access to excellent, quality health care.

In order to achieve our vision of providing optimal patient care and efficient delivery, it is imperative that the broadband service available to the hospitals be expanded to allow timely and accurate transfer of data and images between Providence and other health care facilities. With a major upgrade to the current service, we will be able to best serve the residents of our communities through the use of telemedicine, allowing them to remain close to home. It is our belief that the proposed configuration allows a significant upgrade in bandwidth that is compatible with today's resource requirements in health care and can easily be expanded as the need evolves.

Providence Mount Carmel and St. Joseph Hospitals pledge our support to the NoaNet fiber broadband project through the purchase of services from the Stevens County partner and a local ISP provider of our choice. We are confident that the proposed NoaNet application will continue the collaborative successes evidenced throughout Washington State.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Campbell", written over a faint, larger signature.

Robert Campbell
President
Providence Mount Carmel & St. Joseph Hospitals

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John V. Fletcher".

John Fletcher
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César E. Torres
Executive Director

March 2, 2010

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1401 Constitution Ave. NW
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**RE: JusticeNet Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant Application
NJP Colville Office**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I write in support for the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium** application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to the unserved and underserved area of Northeast Washington.

The Northwest Justice Project (NJP) is Washington's publicly funded legal aid program. NJP is a not-for-profit statewide law firm that provides free civil legal assistance and representation to low-income people and communities throughout Washington. Each year NJP handles more than 18,000 cases benefiting more than 40,000 people in need of critical legal assistance in cases affecting basic human needs such as family safety and security, housing preservation, protection of income, access to health care, and education.

In keeping with our vision of equal justice for low income communities, NJP daily faces the challenges of providing access for rural and remote communities around the state. In this regard, NJP has gone beyond providing toll-free telephone access and has recognized the vital importance of establishing physical offices in far flung rural communities around the state. As with other struggling rural communities, Colville and the tri-county area served by our office (Ferry, Stevens, & Pend Oreille) faces numerous geographic and resources challenges, particularly for elderly, unemployed and vulnerable individuals as well as families facing domestic violence related life safety issues.

The extension of broadband capacity to our two attorney Colville office will enhance their ability to better utilize advocacy resources, including significantly improved video-conferencing long distance client interview capacity with domestic violence shelters or other social service agencies in the tri-county area, as well as improved electronic access to state



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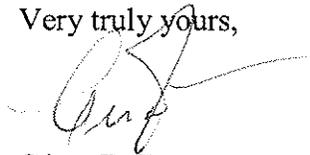


and tribal courts. In addition to direct client service enhancements, our staff will be able to utilize the enhanced broad band capacity to better access and secure training resources and more effectively integrate and coordinate their direct client representation efforts with our statewide advocacy coordination and support resources.

Increased broad band access to NJP's Coleville office will have a significant and direct benefit to widely dispersed low income communities struggling with transportation challenges as they try to access legal assistance to address basic human needs. Increased broad band access will improve NJP's ability to provide essential law and justice system related services, promote the effective administration of justice, the protection of public safety and provide greater access to NJP law and justice related services in this northeast corner of Washington.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Very truly yours,

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César E. Torres
Executive Director



Dr. Thomas A. Keegan, President

March 4, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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State of Washington Broadband Consortium
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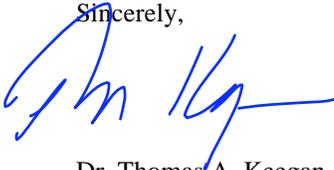
I am pleased to write this letter in support of the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas.

The Peninsula College East Jefferson County extension site is located on the Fort Worden campus in Port Townsend, Washington. Current technology is necessary component of being able to deliver courses and educational materials to today's community college student. Specifically, technology is increasingly integral to achieving two of the College's goals: first, to provide educational opportunities in the areas of academic transfer professional/technical, basic skills, and continuing education; and two, to maximize student access to higher education. Furthermore, in an effort to increase student access and success all of our classes now have an online component. Faster, safer connections would allow students to access the full array of materials and support necessary to achieve their educational goals.

In addition, with broadband access Peninsula College staff and faculty would themselves have access to training and professional development opportunities which otherwise might be impossible to deliver. Online training opportunities and information sharing for our faculty and staff place teaching and learning at the center of institutional practice and ensure quality services to students.

Peninsula College strongly supports this application and this opportunity for East Jefferson County.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas A. Keegan
President



March 16, 2010

Mr. Mike Henson
Chief Security Officer
Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)
5802 Overlook Ave., NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

Dear Mr. Henson:

The Fire Department hereby indicates its enthusiastic support for and intended partnership with NoaNet's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Broadband Mobile Wireless Project for the City of Port Angeles.

Your proposed public safety wireless broadband infrastructure will dramatically improve our operations by enabling new fixed-site and mobile access capabilities and adding a crucial layer of redundancy for existing communications among our Firefighters and EMS personnel.

As a measure of our support, we also commit to providing project funding in the form of a 30% match for the purchase of mobile terminal equipment, and ongoing support for operation and maintenance of the wireless network.

We applaud your innovative efforts to expand the region's broadband services to support public safety and public works and utilities, and we look forward to working with you on this important broadband project.

Sincerely,

Dan McKeen, Chief
Port Angeles Fire Department



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Sincerely,

Terry Gallagher
Chief of Police
Port Angeles Police Department

Skagit County
Fire Protection District 19
Marblemount and Rockport Fire Departments
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March 2, 2010
Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am a District Commissioner for our local fire protection district, a volunteer firefighter and an Emergency Medical Technician who has lived in this rural valley for 38 years. I work at the nearby North Cascades National Park Service Complex and regularly hike and run in the Rockport State Park (3 miles from my home in Rockport).

I am writing this letter to request any help you can give our community to receive Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) support to help connect the eastern Skagit County to the internet with high speed capabilities.

At this time our internet connections options are 1. Very Slow or 2. Pretty Slow and Very Expensive.

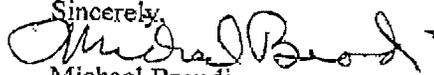
Our rural fire department is entirely volunteer and our marginal connection to the internet presents real obstacles to our ability to communicate with other agencies, communicate with the local community and provide the best level of emergency services we can while complying with local, state and federal requirements.

Please strongly support the extension of Broadband access 12 miles past the Rockport State Park to the town of Marblemount, Washington. Marblemount is the most remote town in Skagit County, location of the Marblemount Fire Department, and currently has very inadequate access to high-speed internet. Extending Broadband service to the town of Marblemount will ensure that the Rockport State Park and the Rockport Fire Department will have access to Broadband.

High speed internet access and will help the entire underserved eastern Skagit County community by stimulating the local economy and enabling emergency service providers to augment training and public education programs and compete for grants and other funding.

Thanks very much for your support on this issue!!

Sincerely,



Michael Brondi
SRFD 19 Commissioner

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Roy Municipal Court

February 25, 2010

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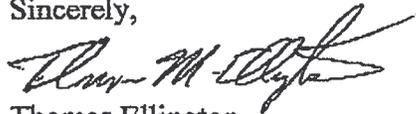
Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

As the Municipal Court Judge and Court Clerk Administrator for the Roy Municipal Court in the City of Roy, Washington, we are writing to commit to and support the State of Washington Broadband Consortium Application for funding. An extension of broadband service in our area would allow our Court to better provide essential law and justice system related services and promote the effective administration of justice.

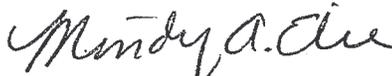
Pierce County Jail is the main jail used to hold defendants for our court. The jail is 25 miles from our courthouse, one way. The City of Roy only has two police officers on staff. With the current lack of staffing and distance to the jail, our options are limited as to how we handle in-custody hearings. By adding an extension of broadband service we would have the ability to conduct bail, traffic, and criminal hearings via streaming video. Since we are located in a rural area, we have also found it difficult to find interpreters willing to drive the distance to our court. With the extension of broadband service, it would give us the ability to connect with interpreters as well.

We believe the extension of broadband service would be extremely beneficial not only to court staff, judges and city personnel, but to our citizens and defendants too. We fully support the application for broadband infrastructure that DIS has applied for.

Sincerely,



Thomas Ellington
Presiding Judge
Roy Municipal Court



Mindy A. Elie
Court Clerk Administrator
Roy Municipal Court



March 4, 2010

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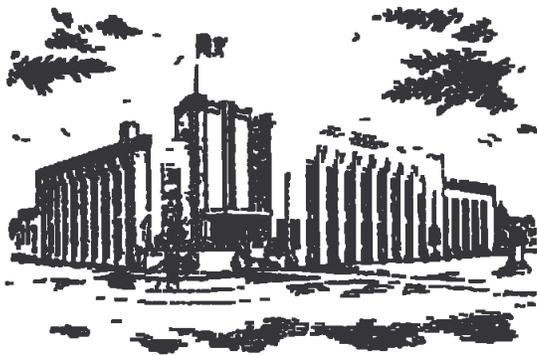
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Several community and technical colleges provide access to higher education at campus extension sites in remote areas of the state. Many citizens in these communities would not participate in postsecondary educational or job training programs if they had to travel to the colleges' central campuses located many miles from their homes. Favorable consideration of this grant will enable colleges to improve and expand higher education offerings in these communities. Increasing affordable and sustainable high speed Internet access will also assist community hospitals and health care providers, county services, criminal justice departments, and economic development organizations.

High speed Internet access will "bring the world" to remote areas in Washington that are isolated due to geographic obstacles. The State's Broadband Consortium plan and grant application have been developed through a very thorough and collaborative approach and meet the requirements and intent of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. We respectfully request your consideration of our application and plan. Approval of this grant application will support efforts to meet the urgent need for network bandwidth and services in isolated counties in Washington.

Sincerely,

Charles N. Earl
Executive Director



Stevens County

Office of County Clerk
and
Ex-Officio Clerk of Superior Court

PATRICIA A CHESTER County Clerk

March 3, 2010

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Assistant Secretary for Communications
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**RE State of Washington Broadband Consortium
Easy Grants ID #5376**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling

The Stevens County (Washington) courts, clerks, prosecutor and law library have been selected for inclusion in Washington State's Round 2 application for broadband infrastructure expansion. Connecting JusticeNet related law and justice agencies will be a principal component of this Round 2 effort, and I am writing to offer my support for the State of Washington Broadband Consortium application for this funding through the NTIA Broadband Opportunities Program.

The tri-county judicial district of Stevens, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties have some of the highest unemployment rates and lowest per capita income in Washington State. Without these grant funds, this area would not have the resources available to implement broadband services. Availability of a statewide, high-speed JusticeNet would allow our courts to conduct bail and other hearings via streaming video. All three counties have low capacity jail facilities, and prisoners are housed in other counties. At the present time, law enforcement must physically transport prisoners housed outside of the county jail back to court for each hearing. The ability to conduct hearings via

streaming video would result in a significant cost savings, not only to the court, but to law enforcement as well. Expanded broadband service would also allow us to benefit from on-demand training that is currently not available in this area.

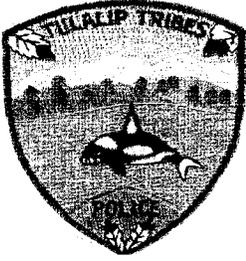
Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Very truly yours,

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Patricia A. Chester
Stevens County Clerk

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TULALIP POLICE SERVICES

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March 03, 2010

To whom it may concern:

The Tulalip Police Department is writing this letter in support of the **Northwest Washington-Rural Broadband Cooperative (NW-RBC)** project and the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium** application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The goal of this project is to expand broadband access to Washington's un-served and underserved communities.

This rural community infrastructure will provide connectivity to individual homes, businesses, schools, police stations, and other public entities. The Tulalip Police Department believes this project will dramatically advance our mission to provide improved public safety access and services across the Tulalip Indian Reservation.

In 2001 the Tulalip Tribes made the decision to take back jurisdiction of Tulalip Indian Reservation land from Washington State. Retrocession allowed the Tulalip Tribes to establish its own Tulalip Police Department to preserve, protect, and advance sovereignty and self-determination, but equally important, to also ensure the protection of life and property.

The Tulalip Police Department has made a huge investment in advanced Public Safety Systems Technology in an effort to improve the safety of its community. Computer aided dispatch, E-911, and criminal history databases all require the transmission of huge amounts of information in "real-time". These technological systems can only be fully effective with reliable broadband connectivity.

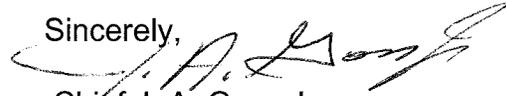
Many rural public safety entities still rely on low bandwidth connections to the networks that provide their vital information. These slow, and all too often, unreliable connections can place public safety personnel, and the community they serve, at great risk.

We believe that this innovative project will be of great benefit by providing the Tulalip Tribes community, and many others like it, with the infrastructure,

technological systems, and services needed to address our serious lack of broadband connectivity.

It will be our privilege to be a part of this initiative and we look forward to the successful completion of the project.

Sincerely,

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Chief J. A. Goss Jr.
Tulalip Police Department

THE TULALIP TRIBAL COURT

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March 4, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The Tulalip Tribal Court supports the **Northwest Washington-Rural Broadband Cooperative (NW-RBC)** project and the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium** application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's un-served and underserved areas.

The NW Intertribal court System (NICS) was established in 1979 in response to the provisions of the federal court decision known as the Boldt Decision. This allowed tribes with fisheries law enforcement and judicial systems to conduct treaty fisheries without state control. In 1979, Tulalip and many other treaty fishing tribes lacked law and justice systems. The establishment of NICS, melding together the sovereignties of a dozen tribes, satisfied the federal court requirement of a tribal court system to handle cases arising from activities of treaty fishing enforcement agencies.

The Tulalip Tribal Court has grown substantially since that time, and with a growing Tribal Police department from Retrocession of 2001, Tulalip Tribal Court services had to increase dramatically to meet the demands of an ever-expanding reservation Population. The Court provides due process and equal protection under the law to all Tulalip Tribal members. To meet these demands The Tulalip Tribes has invested heavily in the capabilities of its court system. However, these investments have not been able to be fully realized without the broadband infrastructure to connect the court to critical information sources. The Tulalip Tribal Court uses a digital audio recording system to store and retrieve its audio case files. This system is designed to operate on a higher bandwidth infrastructure than is currently available.

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Broadband connectivity would allow the Tulalip Tribal Court to communicate “real time” with Tulalip Tribal Police systems, state and federal agencies, and other databases to input and receive important information about individual’s criminal history, outstanding warrants, and protection orders. Broadband connectivity would also support the use of video arraignments which would reduce Tulalip Tribal Court cost and enhance safety for Tulalip Tribal Court personnel.

We strongly believe that the Tulalip Tribal court would benefit significantly from the broadband infrastructure and connectivity provided by this project.

Sincerely yours,



Chief Judge Theresa Pouley



Court Director Wendy Church

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March 1, 2010

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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The Upper Kittitas County District Court is pleased to have been selected for inclusion in Washington State's Round 2 application for broadband infrastructure expansion pursuant to EasyGrants Application #5376.

I am writing to offer my support for the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium** application for funding through the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to expand broadband services to Washington's unserved and underserved areas.

The Upper Kittitas County District Court is located in an extremely rural setting on the eastern slope of the Cascade Mountain range. The Court is approximately 25 miles from Ellensburg, the county seat of Kittitas County. The only facility for holding prisoners in Kittitas County is located at the Kittitas County Courthouse in Ellensburg. One of the benefits of expanded broadband service would be the technical capability to conduct mandatory court hearings utilizing streaming video rather than have prisoners transported to the Court. This would save significant administrative expense and would also have the benefit of enhancing court/personnel security as prisoners would not be required to leave secure facilities at the County Correction facility.

As we are a geographically remote court it is often difficult to obtain necessary interpreter services for those defendants who do not speak English. Enhanced broadband services would also provide the much needed capability to engage the services of an interpreter located in a different part of the state and hold required hearings by video without incurring the tremendous cost of travel for the interpreter.

Enhance broadband would also provide the possibility of enhanced probation monitoring of defendants as those defendants could appear at the Court and in some circumstances satisfy the need for personal interaction with Probation Services staff whose offices are also in Ellensburg.

WAPATO MUNICIPAL COURT

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February 23, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

As a Judge for the Wapato Municipal Court in rural Yakima County in the State of Washington I believe in the far reaches that broadband technology could bring to our courts.

Some key examples of ways that broadband could be utilized in our small community would be an officer is not available to transport prisoners from other correction facilities, arraignments and/or hearings could be held via broadband connectivity; interpreters who otherwise could not service these smaller courts on days we only have 1 or 2 people who may require the assistance of an interpreter, particularly for a language other than the primary second language of Spanish in our communities, could be served with an interpreter at a cost that is not as prohibitive to the courts due to travel time; as well training for our staff. There are many other ways that broadband connectivity could be useful, but these examples are the most prominent for our court at this time.

Training in small towns on the east side of the state is often cost prohibitive. Most training is offered in the Seattle or Olympia regions of the State and the cost of the trainings plus travel and hotel and meal costs can be a burden on small cities such as ours which makes it difficult to send employees to trainings. Having the ability to have broadband connectivity to do trainings would allow the staff in our small city and others in the Yakima County to attend more training and be more efficient at the many tasks that perform.

Wapato, like many other small communities in Yakima County, is a walking community. They walk to services, walk to Court and walk for groceries or errands. When they live far outside the city or have moved to other areas for a better job or other opportunities, walking to Court becomes impossible. Having a way to still see justice served while not further impeding any positive progress for these individuals would have an enormous positive impact on this community. How do you tell an individual its in their best interest to take up residence in another community to remove the negative influences that cause them to continue their recidivistic ways and in the next breath order this same individual (with no vehicle or mode of transportation) back to Court in 30 days. Broadband connectivity would allow for both of these needs to be met well.

The Wapato Municipal Court wholeheartedly supports the JusticeNet project and what DIS is trying to accomplish through it.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathleen Hitchcock".

Kathleen Hitchcock
Presiding Judge

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nona Jacobs-Cook".

Nona Jacobs-Cook
Court Administrator

To Whom it May Concern,

Our Story: In the late '90 our little K-8 School in Brinnon, Washington took Peninsula College, Port Angeles, Washington up on their offer to partner with them on a distance learning program that brought 16 computers into our school.

This year, 2010, we have started our ninth year of evening technology classes for community members. We currently have 23 adults enrolled seeking to improve their technology skills in order to find work or start businesses or just stay connected with family and friends.

In our work as Community Coaches in the WSU Extension Horizons Program, we have encouraged our Horizons Communities in Rural Western Washington to emulate the Brinnon Evening Technology classes. These Rural Communities all have schools with computer labs that sit idle after 3PM daily. If this capacity can be put to work with the expansion of Broadband it would have an extraordinary impact on our ability to train people and create enterprise.

The "new" economy demands tech skills and internet access. The best investment our Government could make to grow the economy is to "light up" as much of America as it can. Please consider Jefferson County, Washington, and particularly the most remote communities of Brinnon and Quilcene, as a good place to invest your grant dollars.

Joe and Joy Baisch
WSU Horizons Community Coaches
Brinnon, Washington

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY



JEFFERSON COUNTY EXTENSION

March 13, 2010

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:

Imagine, you are a single parent, leaving your home every morning at 4AM or staying up until 2AM so that you can study for your college degree—because broadband is not available in your rural community and you have to connect with east coast satellite to finish your required courses- you leave your children while they are still in bed, they fix their own breakfast, see themselves off to school without you—because you want to get a degree and there is no broadband in your community that would let you study during regular hours.

WSU has a contract with broadstripe to provide 100MB of broadband for our student courses. Last year over \$6000 of our equipment burned out, our systems went down, we can't provide courses and our provider, Broadstripe, refused to restore our systems. We are now forced to operate on 2MB. . .dramatically below our contractual level, because Broadstripe refuses to provide us our contractual service. And the parents who want to continue show up at our office at 4AM when we can downlink courses before the internet is too slow to run programs.

WSU Jefferson County desperately needs broadband- There is no other way of saying it- We've been denied the access we need. We've had to cancel classes and programs. We have over 350 students trying to finish their college programs in this rural community and daily we face the challenges of not having broadband. We can't connect employers with potential workforce. We have parents going further in debt because they can only take one or two courses instead of a full credit program on line. We have employers anxious to expand their businesses but they can't send complex architectural marine drawings or

manufacturing specs because we don't have broadband. Even though we are the home to one of the fastest growing technology companies, we've tried to provide their employees degree programs on line, the company is limited in its growth because they spend at least two days a week with their technicians trying to gerrymander internet access which is inconsistent and expensive

Yes, we can keep \$32,000 a year in our community for each student who can earn a WSU degree online Yes, we need broadband to do this Yes, we could save our local government .55cents a mile if meetings could be held on line rather than take 3 hours to and from each meeting . Yes, we could with broadband. Yes, we could generate jobs, new businesses, nurses, artists, teachers, and entrepreneurs. Yes, we could save people when they have strokes, keep our businesses viable when the ferry and then the bridge go down and leave us isolated for months .

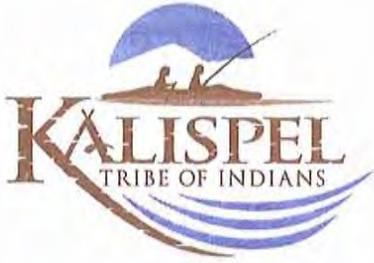
But instead, many of our youth are limited to 2400 Mps to do school research, to share videos and films, to learn what the rest of the world knows. Yes we need broadband to give these kids a chance for a future. In 2007- one of our school districts had a sizable grant from the Gates Foundation. Guess. The school didn't have access to broadband or a viable internet connection so there was no reason to install computers! No ability for students to learn internet based research.

We at WSU have hosted Gates funded students from Korea, Tai Wan, and Rwanda. . .all with faster internet connections than the children in rural Jefferson County!

Yes, are we supportive of this broadband proposal. Yes, do we care for the future of our children and their ability to work and not be sentenced to rural poverty for the rest of their lives. Yes, we want to be able to attract high -tech, high- wage jobs in our community. Yes, this is perhaps our last, best chance to get broadband in our community . One hundred years ago the train circumvented our community. Some say we have never recovered- This community really needs fast broadband in our community.

L. Katherine Baril

L. Katherine Baril, MBA, JD
Director, WSU Jefferson County Extension



KALISPEL TRIBAL COURT

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March 1, 2010

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This letter is meant to demonstrate the value of a courthouse-sited public computer center that provides broadband access to members of the public through the Kalispel Tribal Court. The Kalispel Tribe of Indians is located in a rural area 50 miles northeast of Spokane, and 15 miles north of Newport, within Pend Oreille County. The Tribe's rural population, governmental operations, and court are centered in Usk and Cusick, separated by the Pend Oreille River.

The Tribe presently provides public transportation between Airway Heights (through Spokane) to tribal offices and services in Cusick and Usk, and out to Ione near the Canadian border, as well as a mid-day stop in Newport. Many other services are provided to local and regional populations and agencies across a broad area (e.g., State-licensed child day care, foster home placement, behavioral health and health and fitness facilities).

The opportunity to provide a courthouse-sited public computer center offers the Kalispel Tribal Court the ability to better serve its constituencies through the provision of reliable access to information resources. The court intends to support this effort by providing secure space, maintenance through its annual appropriation for the development of a public law library, and an in-kind contribution of administrative and technical support.

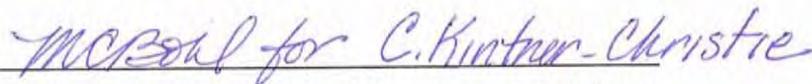
Communications with other justice systems, law enforcement and community services agencies, access to legal research and training materials, and access to justice system facilitators will all be substantially enhanced by public access to broadband services through a Public Law and Justice Computer Center located within the Kalispel Tribal Justice System.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

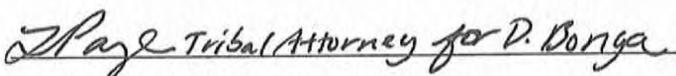
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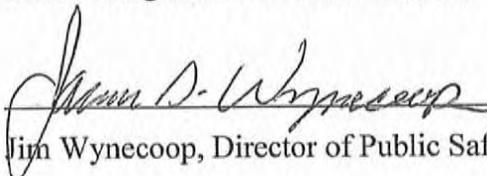
Martin Bohl, Presiding Judge



Cathleen Kintner-Christie, Tribal Court Administrator



David Bonga, Senior Tribal Attorney



Jim Wynecoop, Director of Public Safety

Northeast Tri County Health Jurisdiction

The Northeast Tri County Health Jurisdiction lies in the far upper north east corner of Washington State. It is comprised of three counties that are very rural and remote in nature. This is one of the most beautiful areas of the state with mountains and high plateau making it an ideal place to live for residents that enjoy wide open spaces and plenty of room between you and your closest neighbors. While that creates an area of great beauty, it also creates a challenge to deliver simple services to the residents who live there and visitors seeking the area's calm and outdoor sportsmen activities. When these services include health care and public health services, the challenge can become urgent.

The counties included in the jurisdiction include Ferry, Stevens, and Pend Oreille. The main office is located in Colville in Stevens County. Remote offices are located in the adjacent counties in Newport in Pend Oreille County and Republic in Ferry County. The Colville office has reasonable connectivity, but the two outlying offices have very poor connectivity.

This is a problem since the three county public Health offices have only one Public Health Physician serving all three counties. He is located in Colville. He has home health nurses and other public health care providers that he must direct located in Newport and Republic. This creates an ongoing communication problem. With the current budget crisis occurring nationwide, it has hit small rural counties very hard and resulted in travel restrictions. The increased connectivity this broadband would deliver to the jurisdiction would enable the single doctor to routinely meet with his geographically dispersed staff via video conference and assure better communication and coordination on critical health issues. It will also enable the remote counties to receive video training on public health matters.

Additionally, the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) activities are directed from Region 9 headquarters in Spokane. This is over one hundred miles from Republic. During the H1N1 response in the fall of 2009, the lack of connectivity led to some delays in response. With the increased connectivity this initiative will provide, the two most remote counties will be better prepared to respond to emergency events.

CATHY McMORRIS RODGERS
5TH DISTRICT, WASHINGTON

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Congress of the United States House of Representatives

March 24, 2010

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Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunication and Information Administration
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Re: CFDA 11.557 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing to ask your consideration of the grant application titled State of Washington Broadband Consortium that is being submitted by Northwest Open Access Network. This grant request is supported by a 30 percent non-federal match contributed by local Public Utility Districts either through cash or in kind services.

There is no doubt that technological innovation and expansion are critical components to our country's future economic success. Funding awarded through the National Broadband Technology Program will provide numerous unserved and underserved communities across Washington State with access to broadband service. In particular, funding will help to develop and expand the necessary infrastructure to four rural counties in Eastern Washington, including Pend Oreille, Okanogan, Stevens, and Ferry Counties. The communities located in these counties, such as Kettle Falls and Colville, currently lack access to the information infrastructure from which many urban areas already benefit. Access to broadband will provide them with increased opportunities not only for businesses and schools but for the entire community.

During the 111th Congress, my top priority has been putting Americans back to work and getting our economy back on track. Expanding and increasing broadband access to the residents of the rural communities in my district and across Washington State will allow them to create opportunities that will lead to stronger and more sustainable economic growth. I ask that every consideration be given to their request.

Best Wishes,



Cathy McMorris Rodgers
Member of Congress

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King County is applying for BTOP funds to provide new or higher capacity connections to the King County Public Safety Emergency Wireless Radio System (System) locations in the attached file.

With more than 1.9 million people, King County is the most populous county in Washington State and ranks as the 14th most populous county in the nation. Covering 2,134 square miles, King County is the largest nearly twice as large as the average county in the United States. The Region is prone to natural disasters. It is also home to the only Level I adult and pediatric trauma center and regional burn center in four-state area.

The greater King County Public Safety Emergency Wireless Radio System serves virtually all of the police, fire, dispatch and E-911 center, and emergency management staff in the County. The System will need significant improvement in the coming years. Our system is 15 years old. The System's equipment vendor has begun halting the sale of new parts and discontinuing its repair of existing parts. The County is subject to large scale earthquakes and annual flooding. During the most recent large earthquake our system experienced operational problems as many officers simultaneously pushed-to-talk causing part of the system to go into site trunking. Connecting our main radio sites with fiber would make the system more reliable and help insure the continuation of service during the next large scale disaster or emergency or if a site fails or is damaged.

There are five primary local public safety wireless communication systems currently deployed in King County, Pierce County, and Snohomish County, Washington (Region). Public safety responders in the Region frequently engage in joint operations, mutual aid, and other activities that bring them into a neighboring county. Integrated, interoperable communications is an essential tool for performing these activities efficiently and safely. While agencies in the Region have a history of cooperation, as demonstrated in the 2004 UASI Interoperability Analysis, there is currently limited interoperability between first responders within the Region due to disparate radio systems. Connecting disparate systems on an ad hoc basis using current mechanisms may result in delays in communications, very poor voice quality, signals being dropped, and other problems. Adding high-capacity service to the listed sites will enable us to have fiber connections to the other four of these systems thereby improving the speed, capacity, reliability, and voice quality of communications among responders during joint operations, mutual aid, and other cooperative activities.



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

March 2, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunity Program

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the City of Bainbridge Island, I am writing to express the City's full support of the ARRA Stimulus Grant application which Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council (KRCC) and Kitsap County Information Services are preparing for submission. The deployment of broadband infrastructure throughout our community is an important step toward our vision of providing high-speed connectivity opportunities to all island residents, businesses, and public agencies.

At a regional level, the City has been participating with other public agencies throughout Kitsap County to develop a County-wide fiber-optic based network model capable of connecting all public agencies (County, Cities, Schools, Fire, Port, & Water districts, Library, Tribes, Etc.). Dubbed Kit~Net, the program was established in 2006, and KRCC has been facilitating meetings and collaboration efforts with the agency technology professionals to reach the goal of complete connectivity. The immediate focus was supporting emergency response activity to allow an unimpeded connection for information flow, data sharing, and partnering during emergencies and disasters. The inability to connect the numerous separate agency networks to effectively communicate during an emergency is a major barrier to successful response. Secondary objectives include; develop redundant network route connectivity, encourage resource sharing, implement disaster recovery capability, and promote business continuity.

Much of the ongoing challenge relates directly to the limitation of installed infrastructure throughout the County. Kitsap Public Utilities District (KPUD) took a lead role of installing fiber-optic cable in the North and Central areas of the County to service many of the agencies. KPUD now acts as a network operations center for connectivity needs and issues, maintains the "CareNet" network (open-port connectivity between KPUD fiber sites), and participates as a member with the KRCC group.

At a local level, the community of Bainbridge Island is very professionally oriented. The citizens have an expectation of high speed broadband availability at local business locations, community facilities, and their personal residences. Much of the island however, is a rural setting and the infrastructure simply does not exist to provide this level of connectivity. Currently the KPUD fiber has limited access points and only routes via the core government agencies. Several of the Kit~Net agency participants have



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

facilities located just outside of the fiber route, and it has been cost prohibitive to implement “last mile” connections. Completing the build-out of the Kit~Net infrastructure to join the remaining locations would provide the much needed connectivity to accomplish the goals of the KRCC program, and enable public agencies to work more collaboratively by sharing resources and efficiencies.

The Kit~Net build out directly benefits the citizens and community in several additional ways:

- Potential to reduce overall government operations expenses via inter-agency resource sharing opportunities.
- Connects community gathering centers, such as schools, libraries, and churches, which are important daily social meeting points, and become critical facilities during an emergency situation.
- Private businesses or homes physically located on or near the additional fiber route will be able to connect at a more reasonable cost, and utilize the system or services which are offered.
- Encourages economic development, especially along the corridor of the fiber route where broadband access will be available.
- Enables faster connectivity, which increases data throughput, thus improving efficiency.
- High speed connectivity enables use of tele-working and video-conferencing tools, which are both environmentally friendly, and provide remote accessibility in the event of disaster or pandemic.
- Connects communities and government together, which may ultimately benefit from some as of yet undeveloped connectivity or collaboration tools.

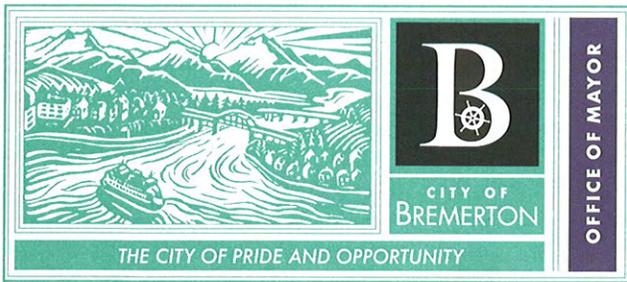
Thank you for considering the Kitsap County Kit~Net/CareNet initiative as a vital component of the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP). The City of Bainbridge Island is looking forward to participating at a regional level to implement the remainder of the Kit~Net fiber network.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Walton", is positioned above the printed name.

Lee Walton

Interim City Manager, City of Bainbridge Island

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March 5, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

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

The City of Bremerton enthusiastically supports this regional effort to expand the Kit-Net/Care-Net fiber backbone. Bremerton is excited at the prospect of funding a fiber optic link between its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and the EOC of Kitsap County. This will add redundancy to our voice and data networks by providing an additional fiber pathway to our EOC, independent of our existing single path infrastructure.

Such a connection would be an invaluable tool in the event of a disaster local to the City and in the event of a regional disaster it may well be our only communications path out of the City. The additional capability would also enable us to position a backup data center within the existing hardened data center operated by Kitsap County Central Communications. I would urge that you look favorably upon this application and approve funding for the project.

Sincerely,

Patty Lent
Mayor



CHEWELAH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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March 15, 2010

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the business community of Chewelah, Washington, the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the Northwest Open Access Network Broadband Grant Application.

With rapidly changing and expanding technologies and their effect on the way business is done in today's environment, without core infrastructure and redundancy in broadband service small rural communities are easily left behind. It is absolutely vital that our schools, hospitals, public libraries, local government, and businesses stay connected with the world and services that are increasingly available only through electronic means.

The Chewelah Chamber of Commerce has a current membership of 125 businesses in the Chewelah area. These businesses have traditionally relied on natural resource based industry to provide the widest base of employment among their service population. With the huge decline in these natural resource based industries, our population is struggling with high unemployment and out-migration is tremendous. Core broadband infrastructure is necessary in order to create and attract new industry with which to employ our population and thus, support our local economy and businesses.

Superb health care and educational opportunities are essential to the business community, as are highly functional government and public safety institutions. Without core broadband infrastructure and redundancy, all of these entities within our rural community will increasingly become isolated from each other and from the world outside of our boundaries where broadband is taken for granted.

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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It is the opinion of the Chewelah Chamber of Commerce that access to broadband technology is crucial to provide business with the opportunity to expand markets, create jobs, reduce costs, and attract new industry. We enthusiastically endorse and support the Northwest Open Access Network Application to the NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program to provide direct fiber connectivity into Republic, Kettle Falls, Colville, and Chewelah and create distribution loops in each of these communities.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Akers".

Debbie Akers
Vice President



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March 1, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

The City of La Center strongly supports the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) application filed by Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Washington State Department of Information Services, which would expand broadband access to disadvantaged and underserved populations.

In the City of La Center, where I serve as mayor, we have had numerous citizens lose their homes and/or file bankruptcy during this down economy. As a result sales tax revenue is down across the board, property taxes are waning and there isn't a day that goes by that we do not have inquiries regarding any available jobs the City might have.

Many people in this tough economy cannot afford Internet access at home. This includes the high percentage of displaced workers in our community and those who are using distance education as a way to begin a new career path. High speed Internet access is necessary for these people to be successful in reaching their goals. While public Internet access is available at the La Center Community Library, the connection speed and capacity is limited by the T1 data line used there. The fact that the library must limit people to 1 hour of Internet access per day because there are so many who want to use the service further exasperates people. Parts of this one hour are lost when web sites are slow to load due to the connection speed. People feel incredibly frustrated and discouraged when they are unable to finish filling out job applications or complete online coursework within their daily time allotment. Improvements to the data line at the library would allow people to be more productive with their Internet time as well as allowing for sufficient capacity to support bandwidth-rich Internet content.

We desperately need improved telecommunications infrastructure in La Center. Please help us get our community back to work. Please support the CCI application filed by NoaNet and the Washington State Department of Information Services.

Sincerely,

James T. Irish
Mayor



Wednesday, March 10, 2010

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am George Bonney owner and operator of CompTech Unlimited. We provide computer services such as upgrades, training and repair. I have been in business in Republic since 1998. During this time I have had the opportunity to assist in many projects to improve the quality of Internet services to the City of Republic, its businesses and residents. We have encountered many challenges providing consistent Internet services. Most if not all of these challenges have been brought about by the enormous cost of building the infrastructure and purchasing bandwidth to provide an acceptable, consistent quality of service. From my perspective I see many benefits to partnering with NoaNet to build upon existing infrastructure and to add infrastructure as needed. Even in my short stay in Republic I have seen many potential new businesses overlook our area simply because redundancy was not available. I will list entities here that would benefit from such a partnership with NoaNet:

- Our Local Hospital
- City and County Government
- Local Library
- Local Schools
- Existing ISP's
- Area Businesses

I believe my long-term experience as a network Administrator for our local ISP here in Republic qualifies me to write on behalf of many businesses and residents of Ferry County and Republic. If you have any questions regarding our areas broadband needs, please feel free to contact me at 509-775-0231 or email comptech@reabletv.com.

Sincerely,


George Bonney

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March 8, 2010

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Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

This letter is sent in support of the NoaNet Application for better and redundant broadband Infrastructure in the City of Republic, and Ferry County, Washington.

The population of the City of Republic is approximately 1,000 people. We are the only incorporated City in Ferry County. We are currently provided access to the web via cable tv, satellite and dial up. There is no redundant service here. We have the Ferry County Courthouse, Schools, Hospital and Medical Clinic, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and many small businesses within the City Limits.

The City is increasingly being required to comply with filing reports via the internet, which is not always functioning and creates difficulties and is time consuming. It can also create penalties which our small city does not need with our already stretched budget. We are further being required to obtain trainings online. Without redundancy these trainings cannot always be done.

We are also constantly trying to recruit businesses that will provide jobs to our communities and county. In the age of internet access it is difficult, if not impossible to lure businesses here without adequate internet access. Our school children are not able to always get online, creating problems for them. Our medical clinic in Curlew cannot always get the required information they need to function in a timely manner.

To summarize, without the broadband infrastructure we will continue to fall behind, it will continue to create job losses, our children will continue to find it difficult to compete in the workplace, our city government will not be able to function as increasingly all meetings, trainings, and reporting will have to be done online, and the agencies have no conception of why it should take so long, or why we are not able to comply.

I cannot stress enough the importance of this project to our region. We have been trying for better than ten (10) years to make this happen. Our local governments and citizens have spent well over \$100,000.00 going to meetings, and working with agencies to try to obtain adequate broadband infrastructure. Without it we cannot hope to envision a future that will assist us in being compliant and enable us to ensure jobs for the future of our citizens.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,

SHIRLEY A. COUSE

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RE: Northwest Open Access Network Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Asst. Secretary Strickling:

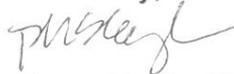
My husband and I own the Republic Drug Store, which is the oldest family owned pharmacy in the state of Washington. We provide the only retail pharmacy services in a county much the size of Rhode Island. Ferry County is rich in natural resources, providing recreational entertainment in the forests and lakes, to employment in the gold mining industry to agriculture. All of these are not without their risks and require contemporary medical services in cases of emergency, of which we are an integral part. In addition, we provide routine pharmacy services to our "community". Issues occur with our current communication system.

We currently utilize both cable and satellite internet services as our current cable system is slow during busy times of the day and on occasion not available, so satellite is necessary for backup. Pharmacy services require the internet to adjudicate pharmacy claims, to access up to date medical information, and access patient charts at the medical clinic and hospital. REAL time is of the essence. Times occur when the data being transmitted or received is too large to communicate which impedes our business and care.

We would strongly encourage broadband capabilities to our area as we serve an "island" in the Washington State that is lacking in 21st century technology.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,



Patty Slagle, Pharmacist-owner



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March 17, 2010

Dr. Jane M. Gutting, Superintendent
Educational Service District 105
33 South Second Avenue
Yakima, WA 98908

Dr. Gutting,

The City of Tieton does not have adequate and reliable broadband access for our planned Public Computing Center. We would use a high speed wireless system, provided by the State of Washington's Broadband Consortium and ESD 105, if it was available (EasyGrant 5376). This will provide much needed broadband access for this community and our library. Providing this access enhances educational opportunities for the children and families in this community, allowing them to gain technology literacy.

We fully support the State of Washington Broadband Consortium's grant proposal and will use the high speed wireless system provided under their grant.

Sincerely,

Stanley R. Hall
Mayor



Clallam Bay Sekiu Chamber of Commerce

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February 25, 2010

*Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Hello, my name is Patti Adler. I am President of the Clallam Bay-Sekiu Chamber of Commerce. I am writing this letter in support of Washington State Parks application for the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program.

Our organization serves the businesses and communities of Clallam Bay, Sekiu and the surrounding area.

Being an unincorporated and isolated area near the northwestern most point of the State of Washington, we are in need of all the assistance that we can get from the Federal, State and local levels. We are a tourist based community, which has historically relied on recreational fishing and logging. Our visitors increasingly demand a higher level of technology than we can provide. Today's tech savvy traveler will often choose a destination by what level of technology is available. If we could provide faster and more reliable connection speeds, we could not only attract more visitors, we could keep some of them here for longer periods of time.

The increased technology and added business could save some of our businesses and maybe even attract others to our area. Local businesses and government agencies could save money by using video conferencing, and other work from their local office, thus reducing travel and increasing time spent working.

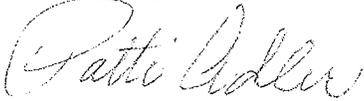
Since 9-11, The Department of Homeland Security has been stressing emergency preparedness. Improved communications is a very important part of that. While many areas of the State and the country may be back "online" in just a few days, it may be weeks before help arrives to our area. Increased communications could be our lifeline to the outside world.

An increase in broadband technology would also benefit the Cape Flattery School District. The increased speed would open a whole new world to our students and allow them to take classes from all over the world. This could also encourage members of the community to better enrich their education with online classes.

Hoko River State Park is an important part of this area's future and anything that can be done to improve the services that the Washington State Parks can provide will increase the strength and vitality of our community.

Therefore, the Clallam Bay-Sekiu Chamber of Commerce supports the application to this grant to better the technology framework and capability of our area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patti Adler".

Patti Adler
President



Lawrence Strickling
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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Internet Xpress, Inc. a local internet Service provider for the past 14+ years in Northeast Washington is fully supporting the proposed NoaNet project of linking Pend Oreille, Stevens, Ferry and Okanogan County's with Fiber creating redundancy.

For the past 16 years I personally have been involved in working to improve our access to the outside world. I feel that by completing the ring of fiber we will finally be able to have choices. We have had a single carrier with no real second path out of our region, if something happens to the fiber optic cable south of us we get shut down. I mean all access out of the region affected is down, voice, cell and data services. This includes 911.

The project would open the world to our company to provide more broadband at competitive prices and additional services as well. We would be able to expand our wireless services with in the region, open access to high speed broadband for business and essential services (Hospital, Schools, and city, county and state government). We would also be able to improve our profitability by being able to get competitive pricing on our essential services, Broadband.

We feel that NoaNet is the right choice for a carrier to make the services available to both the public and the private sector. We are behind the project 100%.

The NoaNet project to close a fiber ring from Pend Oreille county to Okanogan County, to also connect to Stevens and Ferry counties would be a boost to the economy and to life style our region. In providing for the broadband needs of our hospitals, schools, higher education, state agencies, county government, public safety and libraries this project will help both the economy and life style of our region.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. E. Smith", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

David E Smith
Vice President, Internet Xpress, Inc

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March 16, 2010

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RE: Northwest Open Access network (NoaNet) Broadband Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

The Colville Chamber of Commerce is located in Colville, the county seat of Stevens County. Colville was originally a town of sawmills and mines. While we are fortunate to still have sawmills, they are now international companies and need internet services that provide fast, reliable service. The Chamber has nearly 250 members who all use the internet and many of them do their business exclusively on the web. "Down time" means loss of revenue to our members which can mean disaster to their business.

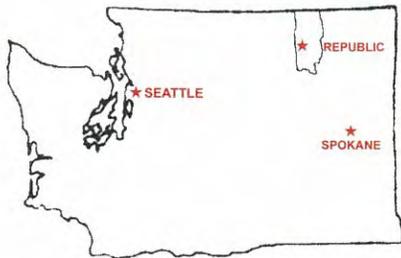
Colville is in rural northeastern Washington near Spokane, but not connected to the main corridor of information infrastructure. This grant to improve broadband would provide the needed infrastructure to our rural region and allow our businesses to work more effectively. In turn, they could provide more jobs for the recently unemployed in our region. In these economically challenging times, with our businesses competing globally, it is important that they have the competitive advantage of broadband.

As a Chamber, we work to make our businesses more productive and successful. We feel this grant would help provide much need economic development in Colville and Stevens County. It would allow our businesses to work to their maximum potential.

The Chamber respectfully requests your consideration of a "Northwest Open Access Network Broadband" grant to northeast Washington, which would allow for more business friendly broadband infrastructure. We fully support this grant application.

Sincerely,


John S. Smith
Colville Chamber of Commerce President



BRAD L. MILLER, Curlew, District 1
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March 11, 2010

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

The Board of Ferry County Commissioners' are writing to express our support for the Northwest Open Access Network Application (NoaNet). This project is critical to our community and the opportunities it will provide in our county are endless. Broadband technology is basic infrastructure very much needed in our rural area.

In these economically challenging times it is vital for Ferry County to pursue projects that will assist in our economic recovery. Ferry County is consistently striving to be a financially sustainable county and with many businesses already closed this project will provide recourse for struggling business to stay open. Having the infrastructure to provide broadband services and redundancy in Ferry County is essential in order to get new businesses in our area creating much needed jobs.

As County Commissioners' it is our responsibility to provide government services to the citizens of Ferry County and with the declining economy it is becoming more difficult to do. Building core infrastructure to provide broadband services and having redundancy will assist in providing these services. We are in a very rural area that is widespread with a population of approximately 7,700. There are seven small communities within our county covering 2,204 square miles which makes it very difficult for many of our citizens to conduct business. This project will enable us to provide video court, video conferencing, etc. which makes services more available and will be financially beneficial not only to the county but the citizens as well.

This project will help to provide and promote much needed economic development in Ferry County. Many small and large businesses are utilizing the internet to run their operations and need to have a secure and efficient connection, without this many current and future jobs are at risk.

The Board of Ferry County Commissioners' fully supports this grant application. This project is vital to the economic development and future of Ferry County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF FERRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS,
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



RONALD "JOE" BOND, Chairman



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March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Broadband Telecommunications Infrastructure for N.E. Washington State
NoaNet application, (BTOP)

Mr. Strickling,

Ferry County PUD is currently using a remote server, located in Iowa, to operate our utility billing, accounting and accounts receivable. Because of the nature of this system, we have an absolute need for fully redundant high-speed internet access. At present, we operate using a Verizon-supplied T1 line, with a back-up through a local ISP, RCable TV. This back-up system relies on a wireless link to get out of the area and is less than ideal, but it is all that we have.

Should this application be successful the PUD will want to discuss a dedicated pipe to the outside world to complement our present T1.

If the PUD can be of any assistance in providing pole contacts or other assistance, this request can be made by NoaNet at our monthly Commissioners meeting.

Please keep me posted regarding the progress of this effort.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Friederichs".

John Friederichs, Manager



RURAL RESOURCES

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Mr. Strickling,

As Executive Director of Rural Resources Community Action I am writing this letter in support of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) application to build core broadband infrastructure in the Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties of NE Washing state. Rural Resources Community Action is a private non-profit corporation providing services to the low-income populations of NE Washington including Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. Our services are funded through local, state and federal contracts. Current operating practices require that we maintain records electronically; report services completed electronically and provide fiscal information electronically. Without access to affordable broadband service our productivity and financial health is jeopardized.

Having broadband access is absolutely essential for our business to operate. The transfer of data between our office locations and the ability to report to our funders in a timely manner in the electronic format they require is a business standard we must maintain. The availability of reliable service with redundancy that the NoaNet proposal offers is not a luxury but a necessity for rural NE Washington. Rural Resources Community Action strongly supports the NoaNet application.

Respectfully,

Barry Lamont, Executive Director
Rural Resources Community Action

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of our region's Workforce Development Council (WDC), I am writing this letter to support NoaNet's proposal to provide broadband capabilities for Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties in Washington State. Our WDC's mission is to design a system which effectively meets the workforce development needs of employers, workers, job seekers and youth. The lack of sufficient broadband capacity has emerged as a major obstacle in our effort to fulfill that mission.

Expanded access to broadband is critical for students and educators at all levels of education, as well as for current and future businesses. Much of our Council's strategy for unemployed people and dislocated workers involves training and learning activities that require ample and reliable bandwidth that is not sufficiently available. There are large numbers of adult students who are interested in online learning courses that require an ever growing amount of bandwidth to effectively deliver. Such web-based offerings range from online job readiness and skill assessments, to remediation of basic skills, to entire community college programs that even include a registered nursing program. However, the classes flounder when broadcasts time out or are barely tolerable to watch due to the speed of the internet delivery.

Statewide and national economic data identifies this region as having a much higher than average level of entrepreneurial activity. Such new businesses place a great importance on having user-friendly websites as well as high speed internet access to customers, vendors, and sites that can provide them with the information and tools that they need to be successful. Likewise, our existing businesses are very reliant on the Internet. Our

hospitals, clinics, financial institutions, manufacturers, mills and others have an ever-growing need for more bandwidth in order to remain competitive.

Rural areas can be an attractive option for many Americans to live in because they offer affordable housing, an excellent environment, and a high quality of life. However, employment opportunities in these areas must be available that allow people to earn living wages. High quality broadband services are essential components to any community's economic and social vitality in this era.

We are very hopeful that Noa Net's proposal is selected for funding. It has the capacity to provide the core infrastructure for broadband access that can help to take our counties to a new level of prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "B".

Tom O'Brien
Director



March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary Communications and Information
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1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Tri County Economic Development District is pleased to support the application of Northwest Open Access Network to build a fiber backbone in northeastern Washington. This critical infrastructure will provide the much needed redundancy for the existing systems and provide broadband opportunities to areas where no service is currently available.

The District has worked with our communities, local governments, public utility districts, libraries, hospitals, higher education, businesses and many others to increase understanding of the opportunity this project brings to rural northeastern Washington and to garner support for the partnerships NoaNet needs to make this project a reality. Broadband telecommunication infrastructure is just as important as roads, water and wastewater treatment systems, schools, industrial parks and the many other aspects of a community that are needed to support businesses, which are the heart of economic success.

The three counties served by the Economic Development District (Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens) have experienced first hand the challenges of the national economic downturn. Several of our large firms let many employees go and scaled back production in response to the downturn. This impact ripples throughout the local economy effecting main street businesses and increasing demand for public assistant and services. The unemployment rate remains high even as the economy begins to show some signs of recovery. Many of the jobs lost will not exist in the future, and the District is responding by enhancing our entrepreneurship efforts. This infrastructure will enhance the District's ability to respond to the needs of the entrepreneurs and businesses through the use of technology. For example, offering business training via video conferencing and/or webinars.

Access to broadband infrastructure opens opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes. It allows them to compete in global markets, share information and data, coordinate distribution, manage their business, and respond to customer needs. Businesses are the heart of the American dream so help us help them!

The District encourages your favorable consideration of this application to bring broadband to northeastern Washington and this part of the Washington to the world.

Sincerely,


Leslie Jones
Executive Director

February 22, 2010

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,

Jefferson County is an enthusiastic and committed part of the broadband project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Washington State Department of Information Services. This project will bring a core technology infrastructure into communities across Washington and build advanced capabilities into libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, key medical centers and clinics and government facilities. The project combine existing technologies with new broadband technologies to support key public services and bring educational and employment opportunities to communities in underserved rural regions of Washington State.

Washington State is a large and mostly rural region with rough terrain. The residents are often in outlying areas with adverse travel conditions to reach very distant broadband access sites, higher education facilities and cultural centers. Funding to build critical rural broadband availability is crucial to improve economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

Jefferson County is a poor rural county isolated on Washington's wild Olympic Peninsula. As such, the County, its residents and its businesses are particularly hard hit by the lack of broadband necessary to support our public institutions or a modern economy. Broadband services are not available or are insufficient for government, public safety, schools and other institutions throughout Jefferson County. As the elected Board of County Commissioners, we are keenly aware of the need for viable, robust IT infrastructure to meet the needs of government services today, and to be a backbone that can be extended in the future to serve the needs of a 21st Century economy that relies on information technology. The bandwidth to be provided by this project will enable us to serve the needs of critical governmental functions, link emergency services to one another and to public safety data bases, provide new and equal educational opportunities to our children, allow remote links for our hospital to sustain and enhance our fragile local health industry; and create an opportunity in the future to connect this broadband trunkline to wireless technology that can economically serve our dispersed businesses and citizens.

A strong consortium of local public agencies and private companies are partnering together to extend Broadband in Jefferson County. Together, we are working with and supporting NoaNet. Our members include the County, the City of Port Townsend, three school districts, our public hospital, library district, A State research University,

community college, and our economic development council,. Jefferson County government is committed to contributing our share of the 30% match to this project, including 10% or more as cash.

We unanimously endorse this vital project, and sincerely hope you will approve this application to serve government facilities, libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, and key medical centers and clinics. Thank you in advance for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,

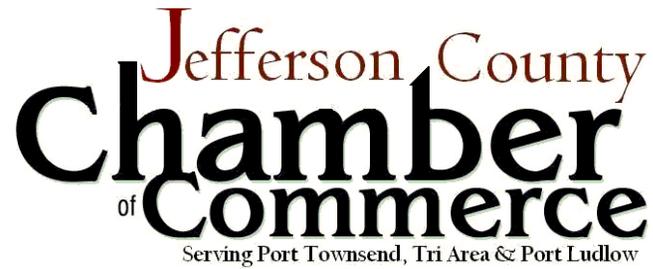
The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners.

David Sullivan, Chair

Phil Johnson, Commissioner

John Austin, Commissioner

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To Whom it May Concern,

Department of Commerce

Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

RIN: 0660-ZA28

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

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce is committed to support the partners of public agencies and private companies to extend the Broadband in Jefferson County. The Broadband partners are working with and supporting NoaNet. The partners are the County, the City of Port Townsend, three school district, our public hospital, library district, a State research University, community college, and our Economic Development Council. The County and City governments are committed to contributing their share of the match of this project.

This project will combine existing technologies with new broadband technologies to support key public services and bring much needed educational and employment opportunities to our rural community of Jefferson County.

The Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce membership consists of all of these public agencies, as well as many businesses, that are in need of viable, robust IT infrastructure to meet the needs of the current and future economy. In order to keep and attract businesses, and to create opportunities for the future for job creation and company growth, it is vital to connect this broadband to wireless technology that can serve our businesses and citizens in Jefferson County.

The Board of Directors of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorses this broadband project, and sincerely hopes you will approve this application to service the government facilities, libraries, community colleges, cultural centers, and medical centers, as well as the business community. Thank you for considering this very important application.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Wells MacGillonie

Executive Director

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

440 12th St.,

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February 26, 2010

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

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

In an extraordinary innovative and collaborative effort, over 25 public and private anchor institutions across Jefferson County have come together in a broadband coalition to advance our economic, education, healthcare, municipal and public safety interests. This coalition is convened and led by EDC Team Jefferson, Jefferson County's economic development agency. The broadband coalition is partnering with the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet), Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) in support of the BTOP broadband project.

The coalition proposes a Noanet-provided broadband backbone enhanced with a wireless capability provisioned by Jefferson County and Port Townsend emergency services and working with Olympic Peninsula based private firms. This innovative approach provides an internet solution to East Jefferson County's challenging rural setting and its hilly and coastal topography. Funding of this project will connect libraries, schools and learning institutions, cultural and community centers, law enforcement, fire and rescue services, key medical centers and clinics emergency services, and government facilities.

Broadband access may be the most cost effective strategy to improve public efficiencies and expand local economic development. Much of our local economy is entrepreneurial and sole proprietor-based and reliant on quality internet access for success. Currently, this segment is underserved with marginal internet access. Our Port Townsend School District is very underserved by broadband and past attempts to connect our schools with high-speed fiber have been unsuccessful. Successful completion of this project will bring much needed infrastructure services and provide the foundation for improved access throughout East Jefferson County.

For many years our community has worked together try to find a way to bring broadband to the county, and the BTOP grant presents the unique opportunity we have been seeking. Thank you in advance for your work and consideration of this grant for Jefferson County.

Sincerely,

Bill Wise
EDC Team Jefferson

L. Katherine Baril
EDC Team Jefferson

March 4, 2010

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

To: DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program (RIN: 0660-ZA28)

Intellicheck Mobilisa (NYSE Amex: IDN) is a commercial high-tech company headquartered in Port Townsend, Washington. We highly endorse the Jefferson County application with Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) for funding to build much needed infrastructure and bandwidth services to this rural location on the Olympic Peninsula.

We were recently selected by Deloitte to their FAST 500 list of the fastest growing public and private companies in North America. We placed 6th of the twenty Washington State companies that made the FAST 500. Interestingly, we were the only rural-based company in our state on that list. The state has concerns of traffic and congestion, but it can be argued this is a self-made problem because the bandwidth infrastructure is only concentrated in Seattle corridor.

Our company developed Wi-Fi service for the Washington State Ferries, operates access control systems for the US military, and is currently designing and building a high-tech mesh network of homeland security buoys in Puget Sound. All of these projects require significant and reliable bandwidth.

Businesses need reliable, high-speed network connectivity. At our Port Townsend headquarters, we do our best using bandwidth from multiple DSL lines, cable services and purchased T-1 accounts. This approach allows us to “just get by” and requires unnecessary internal daily management to make it work. We purchase bandwidth from four providers and attempt to glue it together, but still have less overall bandwidth than my sister has via a home-user Comcast account at her home in the Seattle area. Clearly, this lack of bandwidth infrastructure is a very real barrier to entry for high-tech companies wishing to start or relocate to Jefferson County.

The bandwidth is not just needed for commercial companies—it is needed to make a vibrant community. The hospital, the schools, the emergency services, the library, the Port, City and County Administration all needs bandwidth. Employees choose to live in communities that are well served with good schools. Again, this requires bandwidth. Furthermore, emergency services and disaster relief teams, should they ever be needed here in the rural areas of the Olympic Peninsula, must have access to high-speed data services. Under these circumstances, the availability of high-speed, reliable data access is truly a matter of life and death.

You will not find a community team of government, services, and business that is more highly motivated to work with you to develop this needed infrastructure.

Our company and board of directors wholeheartedly support this project. Thank you for your consideration of this grant for Jefferson County.

Sincerely,

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Nelson D. Ludlow, PhD
Chief Executive Officer



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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,

The Northwest Maritime Center & Wooden Boat Foundation, is an enthusiastic participant in the effort to increase connectivity throughout Jefferson County, particularly to public organizations who can coordinate the effort to bring such connectivity to every citizen in the County, regardless of personal circumstances and ability to pay.

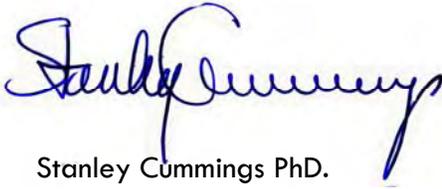
Our new facility, located on the shores of Port Townsend Bay, would be a substantial beneficiary of increased bandwidth and access in the following ways:

- 1) Our just completed maritime library, is connected via the internet to the Port Townsend and Jefferson County library systems, allowing for seamless access to all available resources from our combined locations. Any increase in bandwidth and speed can only serve to enhance the usability of all the library resources in the County. We have invested in excess of \$150,000 to build and curate this significant addition to the library system. The decision to connect with other resource libraries in the area has added complexity and expense. It was done in order to increase remote access to all materials, thereby serving a greater percentage of the community, including worldwide access.
- 2) We recently received a Federal Port Security Grant. As part of that agreement, we are designated as a command facility in the event of a natural disaster or terrorist event. Our particular location with a commanding view of Admiralty Inlet was of great interest to the Coast Guard, Jefferson Search and Rescue, the US Navy etc. We need to be prepared to accommodate up to 100 personnel, providing cooking, staging, specialized electronics and significant telecommunication capacity, for an extended period of time. Of special note:
 - a. We will have a fully functional bridge in our Pilothouse and are installing equipment specified by the Coast Guard and other invested parties. This 'ship's bridge' will be the eyes and ears of any command center operation.

- b. The need for significant bandwidth into the building is also specified in our agreement through the Port Security Grant. We are unable to provide all that is required at this time due to service constraints to the building.
- 3) Part of our mission is to expand our maritime education offerings beyond our four walls. Our future envisions the ability to provide distance learning options throughout the world. We need more bandwidth in order to do this with reliability.

For these reasons as well as the larger desire to have a community that can participate in the new economy, thrive and grow along with our close urban cities, we are enthusiastic supporters of this application.

Sincerely,



Stanley Cummings PhD.
Executive Director

Public Utility District #1

Of Jefferson County

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Wayne G. King, District 3

James G. Parker, Manager

February 25, 2010

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

RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application,
Round 2

To Whom It May Concern,

Jefferson County Public Utility District #1 supports and intends to hook into the project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) in "Round 2" of the NTIA BTOP grant. This project will effectively combine existing technologies with new broadband technologies to bring educational and employment opportunities to communities like our own in underserved rural regions of Washington State, including Jefferson County.

NoaNet has been working almost 10 years to bridge the digital divide experienced by rural, unserved and underserved communities in Washington State. This project will build on NoaNet's previous efforts by providing "middle mile" infrastructure needed to serve outlying areas including higher education providers, cultural centers, government agencies, businesses and ultimately residences at affordable prices, and will serve them with the expandable broadband capacity that only fiber optics can offer.

The parts of rural Jefferson County that are habitable are thickly forested with hilly terrain. The residents are often in outlying areas outside of broadband service areas or services are too costly for residents and businesses. Increased funding for critical rural broadband availability is crucial for future economic development, job opportunities, rural healthcare and quality of life.

Our office is located in Port Hadlock, WA, but we have telecom needs that span the county and level of service has been inconsistent in meeting our needs. Currently, we can only get cable internet from a company now in Chapter 11. The company has turned off baseline security (apparently to boost bandwidth), effectively making all network activity visible to anyone on the cable network. This lack of network security is highly problematic and doesn't meet basic criteria for many businesses. DSL has limited local availability. DSL is not available at our office location which is in a proposed urban grown area. The NoaNet proposal would help rectify these problems and position us to attract businesses and economic development with 21st century infrastructure and technology into our communities.

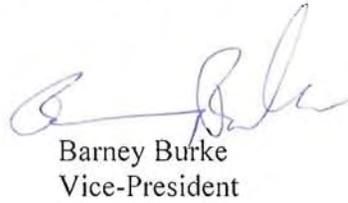
As a public utility district, we understand that secure, reliable, and robust infrastructure is necessary for the future economic viability of our constituents. The bandwidth and infrastructure provided by this project will enable us to help serve the cause of bridging the digital divide for our rural community.

Sincerely,

Jefferson County PUD#1 Board of Commissioners



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President



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Vice-President



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Secretary

March 9, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Kinross, Kettle River – Buckhorn would like to submit this letter of support for the NoaNet Application for improved and redundant broadband Infrastructure in Ferry County, Washington.

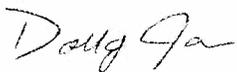
Kinross Gold Corporation employs 200 people at the Kettle River mill and Buckhorn Mountain Mine and is easily the largest employer in the county. The majority of our employees live in the Ferry county area and many do not have internet service at home, let alone high-speed internet service. Our employees would benefit significantly from having access to affordable, reliable broadband service. Kinross offers certain programs, such as our Health and Wellness Program, that require employees to utilize the internet in order to participate. While they can access the internet at work for this purpose, we would have a higher participation rate, and healthier employees, if they had access at home.

Our offices at the mill and mine site would also greatly benefit from having greater capacity and redundancy. Currently, we are on a microwave broadband system to Omak, and it is frequently interrupted. The increased bandwidth and redundancy proposed as a result of this project would prevent our system from going down, which would in turn save us both time and money. The increased capacity would allow us to use Voice over IP and other enhanced services. We are also in the process of linking all of our sites, both inside and outside of the US, for data and voice backup; redundancy and greater bandwidth would make this feasible.

Kinross needs to have efficient telecommunication infrastructure – a redundant fiber backbone would provide this. The life of any mine does not last forever, so we also want to emphasize the importance of providing communities with the proper infrastructure to be successful when we are gone. A sustainable economy is critical to the success of a community.

Please support this application for improved and redundant broadband services in the Ferry County area.

Sincerely,



Doug Jones
Vice-President and General Manager
Kettle River – Buckhorn



King County

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March 5, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary, Communications and Information
Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
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RE: State of Washington Broadband Consortium's BTOP Grant Application
EasyGrants ID # 5376

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I support the State of Washington Broadband Consortium's application for funds under NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), especially as it applies to King County. As King County's Executive, it is clear that the BTOP grant would greatly benefit all King County residents.

King County is located on Washington state's Puget Sound and covers approximately 2,134 square miles. With more than 1.9 million people, it ranks as the 14th most populous county in the nation, and is nearly twice as large as the average county in the United States.

The grant funds, if awarded, would support new or increased service to the following categories of sites:

- Public safety wireless radio sites – establish a more reliable radio system and to continue service in the event a site fails or is damaged;
- Public Health centers and Public Health program and administrative offices – facilitate the transfer of medical records and to enable consultations with staff at Harborview Hospital and University of Washington medical facilities;
- District Court sites – facilitate video arraignment and the sharing of records;

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling

March 5, 2010

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- Medic One sites – establish more reliable communications, especially in mass emergencies;
- Library facilities – improve access to the Internet and other online resources; and
- Community Service Centers – establish more available county services to the public.

I commend the Obama Administration for including Broadband in the Recovery Act, and I know that our application will receive the careful attention it deserves. I urge strong support for the State of Washington Broadband Consortium's BTOP Grant Application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dow Constantine
King County Executive



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March 4, 2010

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

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

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

Kitsap County needs expanded broadband services. Some 25% of our workforce commutes to the greater Seattle Metro area for employment. Our unique challenge is that Kitsap County is separated from Seattle by the Puget Sound. Therefore, transportation between Kitsap County and Seattle is hampered by ferry schedules.

Broadband services from multiple providers are readily available in the greater Seattle area. Conversely, supply is limited on the Kitsap Peninsula. Bandwidth and market competition are limited, therefore limiting options for government, businesses, and the citizens within a competitive price range.

The Broadband Stimulus Grant we are participating in has many significant benefits, to include:

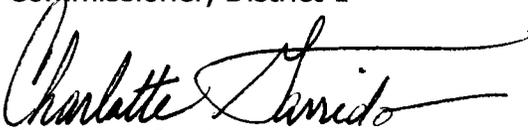
1. The Care-Net approach, through Kitsap Public Utility District, provides a critical service toward the safety of our citizens. Having open fiber to schools, libraries, as well as Law/Fire First Responder headquarters will dramatically improve local government abilities to take care of our citizens should the need arise.
2. This same fiber backbone also provides high-speed broadband to our schools. Aligned with the "no child left behind" concept, our goal for Kitsap County is to ensure "no child is left off-line".

The Board of Kitsap County Commissioners enthusiastically endorses the purpose and intent of this Broadband Stimulus application. We understand the importance of government agencies taking the lead for critical services and being the "anchor tenants" to increase the supply of broadband services. This broadband expansion will impact our local economic development, which will continue to feed the economic recovery we are all looking for.

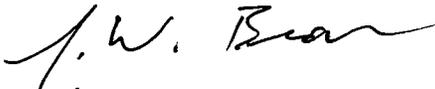
Sincerely,



Steve Bauer
Commissioner, District 1



Charlotte Garrido
Commissioner, District 2



Josh Brown
Commissioner, District 3



March 16, 2010

Mr. Mike Henson
Chief Security Officer
Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)
5802 Overlook Ave., NE
Tacoma, WA 98422

Dear Mr. Henson:

The Public Works and Utilities Department hereby indicates its enthusiastic support for and intended partnership with NoaNet's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Broadband Mobile Wireless Project for the City of Port Angeles.

Your proposed public safety wireless broadband infrastructure will dramatically improve our operations by enabling new fixed-site and mobile access capabilities and adding a crucial layer of redundancy for existing communications among our Firefighters and EMS personnel.

As a measure of our support, we also commit to providing project funding in the form of a 30% match for the purchase of mobile terminal equipment, and ongoing support for operation and maintenance of the wireless network.

We applaud your innovative efforts to expand the region's broadband services to support public safety and public works and utilities, and we look forward to working with you on this important broadband project.

Sincerely,

Glenn A. Cutler, P.E.

Director

Public Works and Utilities Department



March 11, 2010

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program

*RE: Kitsap Public Utility District NTIA National Broadband Technology
Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application; Letter of Support*

Dear Sir or Madam:

The rural nature of the Kitsap County region calls for sophisticated reliable broadband telecommunications. Thus increased broadband capability throughout Kitsap County would greatly improve the local economy. As the County's principle municipal organization whose specific mission by law is that of increasing the economic growth of this region, the Port of Bremerton strongly endorses Kitsap Public Utility District's (KPUD) efforts to secure a National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program grant.

A broader expanded fiber optics backbone would better link more isolated businesses with clients and customers making way for increased economic activity. Funding for this type of infrastructure upgrade is hard to obtain during the present economic downturn. Accordingly, awarding the KPUD a grant will fill this critical funding gap.

KPUD and the Port of Bremerton have been partners in telecommunications projects for over eight years. It was KPUD's initiative that first brought fiber optics to the Port's Olympic View Industrial Park. The Port can testify to the Utility District's ability to plan and execute complex infrastructure improvement projects in a manner that maximizes the use of every tax dollar.

For reasons so stated, in behalf of the Port of Bremerton board of commissioners, I convey my strongest recommendation that the grant application provided by Kitsap Public Utility District for a BTOP grant be given your maximum consideration.

Sincerely,

PORT OF BREMERTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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President of the Board



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February 23, 2010

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

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

To Whom It May Concern:

The Port of Port Townsend strongly supports this broadband project application. We have been meeting with our partnering government entities and anchor institutions throughout Jefferson County, with a common goal of increasing our community's access to broadband infrastructure.

The Port of Port Townsend, as a public port authority, was formed under state law with the purpose of expanding economic opportunity within our district. Today, broadband access is as much an economic driver as good roads, power, and other utilities. We need this project not to just attract new business but to support our current, local businesses, and to allow them to thrive. The existing broadband capabilities in our community are not adequate – thereby resulting in an undeserved population. This has been an issue for the community for over a decade and needs resolution now.

We want to thank you for your consideration of this application and we look forward to your approval.

Sincerely,

Larry Crockett
Executive Director

Date: March 17, 2010
To: NoaNet, Northwest Open Access Network
From: Gary A. Nelson, PhD, Telecommunications Consultant

RE: NoaNet Community Development Project - Letter of Support

March 17, 2010
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
RIN : 0660-ZA28
RE: NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) Application

I am writing in support of the broadband project sponsored by the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) and the Washington State Department of Information Services.

Our community is located in rural Jefferson County with many isolated outlying communities, pockets of poverty and significant economic need. Port Townsend experienced a burst of growth about 150 years ago in anticipation a railroad that never came. We have been a commercial backwater ever since and are now waiting for the next economic opportunity, the arrival of broadband communications that will finally connect us to the greater global community. Widely available broadband communications will be an asset to our community in several areas. The more obvious applications include our libraries, schools, health care facilities, and law enforcement.

Perhaps less obvious, is the fact that our community has a small but growing arts community that includes music, film and video making, and performing arts. Broadband communications will enable local performers to collaborate with distant performers, potentially in real time for music, dance, and film making collaborations. The economic potential for our community is significant. We already host an annual Port Townsend Film Festival, a variety of music and performance workshops at Fort Worden's Centrum, a Chamber Music Society and more. We have at least three recording studios that, with broadband connectivity, could conduct recording sessions that include distant performers.

This community needs broadband connectivity; there is no better time than now. I urge your support of our proposal.

Sincerely,
Gary A. Nelson, PhD
Zynrgy Group, Telecommunications Consulting since 1992
Member, Jefferson County Broadband Coalition



March 1, 2010

Jefferson County Board of Commissioners
Jefferson County Washington

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

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

To Whom It May Concern,

Port Townsend Paper, the largest private employer in Jefferson County, has a long tradition of supporting business, non-profit and governmental communities in Jefferson County.

Internet communications are no longer an option for conducting business for private and governmental organizations. Quality broadband and high speed internet are required for a business and community to function.

Quality broadband service to rural communities, like Jefferson County, could spur growth in private industry, with high paying jobs to assist in improving the local economies. Quality broadband services would improve our governmental and public services agencies with improved interconnects between local, state and federal agencies.

Currently internet services at Port Townsend Paper are provided through Qwest. Qwest currently provides adequate connectivity, but does not provide an alternate path to the internet off the Olympic Peninsula. Providing an alternate path off the Olympic Peninsula for the occasional outages with Qwest, would provide Port Townsend Paper with additional options. This alternate path would improve the uptime for all private, non-profit and public agencies in the county.

Port Townsend Paper supports Jefferson County's application with the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) as a vital project to the public agencies and overall Jefferson County community.

Regards,
Craig Somes

Port Townsend Paper
Manager, Information Technology and Services



3/10/2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

RE: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)
LETTER OF SUPPORT

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Please consider this a Letter of HUGE Support for the NoaNet application regarding the building of a core broadband infrastructure in our rural community of Ferry County, Washington state.

Speaking as Vice-President on behalf of our local Republic Public Development Authority (RPDA), I can think of no greater way to help encourage businesses to relocate to our area and/or local businesses grow – either helping to create more jobs in Ferry County, which is our main goal. NoaNet would enhance our current industrial park project by making the site more attractive to prospective tenants.

As a local Ferry County business owner of a nationwide experiential marketing company, I would welcome wholeheartedly the opportunity to benefit from this project. Currently, we have either local internet services that are spotty at best in bad weather and extremely expensive for the upload/download speed of service that I require for my business or satellite internet which poses the same issues. NoaNet would provide my company, as well as others locally, with a more reliable service at better cost.

Again, NoaNet would be a terrific benefit to our community as a whole. Please consider what an asset this service would be to our local rural communities.

Thank you very much,

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Kate Meginley
Owner, Promotion Solutions, Inc.
Vice President, Republic Public Development Authority (RPDA)

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March 11, 2010

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Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Washington, DC 20230

Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Mr. Strickling,

As Executive Director of Rural Resources Community Action I am writing this letter in support of the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) application to build core broadband infrastructure in the Okanogan, Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties of NE Washing state. Rural Resources Community Action is a private non-profit corporation providing services to the low-income populations of NE Washington including Ferry, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties. Our services are funded through local, state and federal contracts. Current operating practices require that we maintain records electronically; report services completed electronically and provide fiscal information electronically. Without access to affordable broadband service our productivity and financial health is jeopardized.

Having broadband access is absolutely essential for our business to operate. The transfer of data between our office locations and the ability to report to our funders in a timely manner in the electronic format they require is a business standard we must maintain. The availability of reliable service with redundancy that the NoaNet proposal offers is not a luxury but a necessity for rural NE Washington. Rural Resources Community Action strongly supports the NoaNet application.

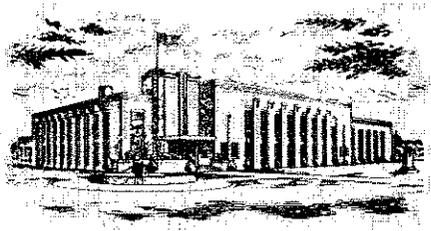
Respectfully,

Barry Lamont, Executive Director
Rural Resources Community Action

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March 25, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
Washington, D.C. 20230

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

Dear Mr. Strickling:

We are writing this letter to support the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium, ID #5376** application for the broadband infrastructure improvement portion of the ARRA Stimulus Funding Act. Stevens County is a very rural, unserved/underserved area without access to broadband and the residents continue to be isolated from critical services readily available in the metropolitan areas of our state. This project will bring critical broadband infrastructure to the anchor institutions within Stevens County, create a broadband network for local Internet Service Providers to connect last mile service, and provide an immediate stimulus to our economically stressed area.

This project will create vital broadband infrastructure to our hospitals, medical clinics, libraries, schools, community colleges, public safety agencies, and criminal justice departments. The critical services currently not available include: High-definition video/audio for medical services and consultations, free public broadband access points, and interoperable public safety and criminal justice networks.

Our county has very limited internet access with only dial-up service or low speed high latency access at our rural homes. The services described in the proposal will provide significant benefit to our residents for educational opportunities, access to healthcare resources, telecommuting, online government and community resources.

This project will also have a short- and long-term job growth impact for our rural county by creating jobs for the fiber installation in the short term and new economic development opportunities for the long term growth once the new fiber network is operational. Access to broadband will open up new markets to our citizens for the exchange of goods and information; therefore, our businesses will be in a better position to compete for jobs globally.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry Guenther".

Larry Guenther, Chairman



March 12, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program
Washington, D.C. 20230

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

Dear Mr. Strickling:

We are pleased to support the **State of Washington Broadband Consortium, ID #5376** application submitted by NoaNet for the broadband infrastructure improvement portion of the ARRA Stimulus Funding Act.

We initiated and supported nine communities in Stevens County with the Horizons Community Leadership and Poverty Reduction program. The nine community-led groups have identified "increasing more living-wage jobs" as their number one issue. Broadband access and the follow up deployment of services and training are critical for anyone to stay current in this marketplace. Given our technology-based society, adequate broadband access will increase utilization of existing resources and services allowing those who could/will benefit the most from its value to finally join the balance of our community and be given a door to enter into the 21st Century with all of its possibilities.

Once communities acquire the new tools of the information age, they have many new opportunities for growth. We serve industry, business and community efforts to improve their access and fully support this grant application.

We strongly urge you to support this proposal because we feel it can have a lasting positive impact on this region. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

Debra A. Kollock

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THE SUQUAMISH TRIBE

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March 16, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The Suquamish tribe would like to extend our support for the Kit-Net fiber optic build out in Kitsap County, Washington. We have reviewed the conceptual approach and believe this effort, when completed, will serve to aid not only our tribal members resident in Kitsap County, but also non-tribal members within the reservation area and region. The changes will assist the County and the Tribe in completing redundancy emergency network routes to ensure that first responders and emergency centers stay connected and are able to share information and better coordinate resources in times of crisis. We also agree that the extension of the network to schools and libraries, not currently served, will have the two fold benefits of providing an emergency communication backbone in times of critical need but also benefit those organizations with increased online educational capabilities.

We are prepared to coordinate with Northwest Open Access Network, Kitsap Public Utility District, and the Washington State Department of Information Services to see these improvements for the region realized. We'd also like to make certain that our Suquamish Tribal organizational services, our Emergency Operations Center, Police and schools are included in the overall enhancement of this communication system. The public safety benefits of this project will ensure that both Native and non-Native citizens that make up the community of Suquamish are cared for and protected.

Sincerely,

Wayne George
Executive Director



February 24, 2010

Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
RIN: 0660-ZA28

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

To Whom It May Concern,

I am, by way of this letter, expressing my support for the project sponsored by the Washington State Department of Information Services (DIS) and the Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet).

The intent of this project is to utilize a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) project to create a sustainable broadband infrastructure to enabling Anchor Institutions across Washington State to provide expanded broadband internet services to the public and specific vulnerable populations via Public Computing Centers.

Many Washington State residents live in rugged, rural areas where both the topography and geographic isolation make the affordable delivery of broadband internet uniquely challenging. The use of federal funds will provide an unparalleled opportunity to build a digital infrastructure that has not historically been economically viable for private industry.

Jefferson County is a poor rural county within Washington State. It is difficult for many of its residents to access broadband internet and the opportunities it provides such as:

- Economic development and job opportunities
- Advanced healthcare services such as telemedicine, teleradiation, telepsychiatry, and emergency room/ first responder communications
- Educational opportunities and cost savings for educational entities
- Enhanced public safety through streaming video feeds to cars and access to critical public information such as HAZMAT data, the location of fire hydrants, etc. to first responders **on the way** to the scene of an accident.
- Support and training for Vulnerable Populations who would otherwise not have access to broadband internet

Funding for this project will help bridge the digital divide between these people and those who have easy access to broadband internet. We endorse this project and hope you will see fit to fund it.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Pete Duncan
Chief Executive Officer
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March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Tri County Economic Development District is pleased to support the application of Northwest Open Access Network to build a fiber backbone in northeastern Washington. This critical infrastructure will provide the much needed redundancy for the existing systems and provide broadband opportunities to areas where no service is currently available.

The District has worked with our communities, local governments, public utility districts, libraries, hospitals, higher education, businesses and many others to increase understanding of the opportunity this project brings to rural northeastern Washington and to garner support for the partnerships NoaNet needs to make this project a reality. Broadband telecommunication infrastructure is just as important as roads, water and wastewater treatment systems, schools, industrial parks and the many other aspects of a community that are needed to support businesses, which are the heart of economic success.

The three counties served by the Economic Development District (Ferry, Pend Oreille and Stevens) have experienced first hand the challenges of the national economic downturn. Several of our large firms let many employees go and scaled back production in response to the downturn. This impact ripples throughout the local economy effecting main street businesses and increasing demand for public assistant and services. The unemployment rate remains high even as the economy begins to show some signs of recovery. Many of the jobs lost will not exist in the future, and the District is responding by enhancing our entrepreneurship efforts. This infrastructure will enhance the District's ability to respond to the needs of the entrepreneurs and businesses through the use of technology. For example, offering business training via video conferencing and/or webinars.

Access to broadband infrastructure opens opportunities for entrepreneurs and businesses of all sizes. It allows them to compete in global markets, share information and data, coordinate distribution, manage their business, and respond to customer needs. Businesses are the heart of the American dream so help us help them!

The District encourages your favorable consideration of this application to bring broadband to northeastern Washington and this part of the Washington to the world.

Sincerely,


Leslie Jones
Executive Director

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February 19, 2010

RE: Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the citizens of Whitman County, the Whitman County Commissioners request your support in bringing broadband communications infrastructure via the DISW/NOANET proposal to our county.

Our rural, Eastern Washington County spans over 2,000 square miles with all of our 16 incorporated cities/towns throughout the county finding the lack of internet connections one of their biggest challenges.

This joint venture between the Port of Whitman and Whitman Rural Libraries would go a long way in bringing this important capability to our citizens. Partnering with our Port and Library system is the most practical way to achieve this goal. It is especially important to our fixed and low-income residents, many of them elderly, who have no means of accessing the internet and the numerous capabilities it provides. This stimulus grant would make that possibility a reality.

Those and others would use the expanded capability towards education, including GED and secondary as well as continuing certifications. It would also expand the on-line capabilities for those seeking employment especially those that can't afford traveling to the one and only state employment site in our county located in Pullman.

Should this grant be awarded, it would be a huge benefit not only to our libraries but to all our communities.

Again, we ask you to look favorably upon this application by helping our rural communities experience some of the many advantages of modern communications that larger cities and counties take for granted.

Thank you.

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Re: Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) Application
NTIA National Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of our region's Workforce Development Council (WDC), I am writing this letter to support NoaNet's proposal to provide broadband capabilities for Ferry, Okanogan, Pend Oreille and Stevens Counties in Washington State. Our WDC's mission is to design a system which effectively meets the workforce development needs of employers, workers, job seekers and youth. The lack of sufficient broadband capacity has emerged as a major obstacle in our effort to fulfill that mission.

Expanded access to broadband is critical for students and educators at all levels of education, as well as for current and future businesses. Much of our Council's strategy for unemployed people and dislocated workers involves training and learning activities that require ample and reliable bandwidth that is not sufficiently available. There are large numbers of adult students who are interested in online learning courses that require an ever growing amount of bandwidth to effectively deliver. Such web-based offerings range from online job readiness and skill assessments, to remediation of basic skills, to entire community college programs that even include a registered nursing program. However, the classes flounder when broadcasts time out or are barely tolerable to watch due to the speed of the internet delivery.

Statewide and national economic data identifies this region as having a much higher than average level of entrepreneurial activity. Such new businesses place a great importance on having user-friendly websites as well as high speed internet access to customers, vendors, and sites that can provide them with the information and tools that they need to be successful. Likewise, our existing businesses are very reliant on the Internet. Our

hospitals, clinics, financial institutions, manufacturers, mills and others have an ever-growing need for more bandwidth in order to remain competitive.

Rural areas can be an attractive option for many Americans to live in because they offer affordable housing, an excellent environment, and a high quality of life. However, employment opportunities in these areas must be available that allow people to earn living wages. High quality broadband services are essential components to any community's economic and social vitality in this era.

We are very hopeful that Noa Net's proposal is selected for funding. It has the capacity to provide the core infrastructure for broadband access that can help to take our counties to a new level of prosperity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom O'Brien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "T" and "B".

Tom O'Brien
Director



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March 18, 2010

Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

Yakama Power is pleased to support NoaNet's state of Washington Broadband Consortium application for a BTOP grant, EasyGrant ID 5376. We are partnering with NoaNet to help them complete segments of their network initially funded under BTOP round one. Completion of their network in round two will also benefit Yakama Power's plan to provide broadband access on the Yakama Nation (BIP EasyGrant 5183).

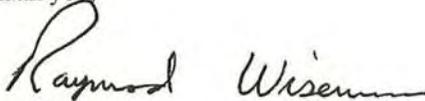
Funding our respective proposals will allow Yakama Power and NoaNet to establish network interconnects to extend fiber networks on the Yakama Reservation. This benefits both our networks by strengthening the regional broadband system and bringing broadband access to under-served rural areas of Washington.

Additionally, the NoaNet proposal partners with Educational Service District 105 (BTOP EasyGrants 5158 and 5212) to provide public computing centers and promote sustainable broadband adoption for Yakama Nation tribal programs. The combination of all our proposals fulfills the intent of the original legislation, to deploy broadband infrastructure in unserved/under-served areas, enhance broadband capacity at public computing centers, and encourage sustainable broadband adoption.

We believe the partnerships we have established in our proposals demonstrate the willingness of local/regional agencies and Tribal government to seek a shared solution to the challenges in securing and promoting broadband in our rural under-served region.

We therefore seek your assistance with their proposal and provide our full support.

Thank you,


Ray Wiseman,
General Manager