

Louisiana Broadband Alliance - Infrastructure Project

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Lawrence E. Strickling
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

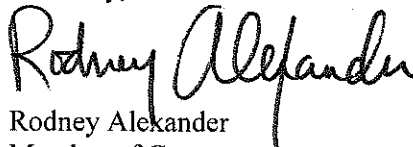
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It is my pleasure to support this proposal and hope you will view it favorably as well.

Sincerely,


Rodney Alexander
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August 14, 2009

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August 12, 2009

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Dear Mr. Strickling,

AT&T is pleased to provide Louisiana Broadband Alliance (LBA) vendor support. We will be happy to provide information pertaining to AT&T that may help you prepare a proposal as described in the Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program and Rural Utilities Service Notice of Funding Availability.

Through the effective use of technology, LBA will be able to support multiple economic development efforts related to workforce development, continuing education in the community, as well as enhance learning opportunities for Pre-K - 20 students in the State of Louisiana. AT&T has knowledge of industry best practices and has proven expertise in technologies such as video conferencing, web-based collaboration tools, content hosting, and industry-recognized service and support for tele-learning and telemedicine.

AT&T would also like to support LBA's broadband deployment efforts by providing the necessary connectivity to your community anchor institutions. To further support your Broadband Adoption efforts, AT&T proudly offers our broad suite of mobility products and services, including mobility-enabled Netbooks, which could be used within the community centers, in the schools and in the homes. Students and citizens using these mobile assets will be able to gain access to instructional content and curriculum offered by the State of Louisiana or any other source deemed appropriate.

We will be happy to provide any information we can reasonably provide, subject to proprietary and confidentiality restrictions. AT&T recognizes that the use of any stimulus monies that you receive will be at your discretion, subject to any legal and regulatory requirements that may apply to you. In rendering the assistance you have requested, AT&T has no expectation that it will receive favorable treatment in connection with LBA spending decisions.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Debbie B. Griffith".

Debbie B. Griffith
Regional Vice-President

August 13, 2009

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**Re: Rural Utilities Services
Broadband Infrastructure Program
and
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

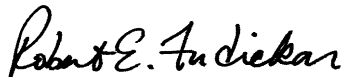
**“Louisiana Broadband Alliance – Infrastructure, Sustainable Broadband Adoption and
Public Computer Center Applications”**

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Louisiana Broadband Alliance (LBA) is seeking funds to create a new pipeline, and add to the existing LONI fiber pipeline for the next-generation of content delivery and workforce training in the Louisiana Delta. I am writing today to express my support for the LBA grant application to the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Services.

I have a great interest in this topic because of the mission of the Louisiana Economic Development, and the many possibilities that come along with this project. This grant goes hand-in-hand with what we are trying to accomplish through technology. Many of the private technology companies that work with LED, including AT&T, are also supportive of the LBA project.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Fudickar
Louisiana Economic Development
Director, Technology Industry

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