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March 8, 2010

Richard Bailey, Sr.
Deputy Chief Information Officer
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101 East River Drive
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Dear Mr. Bailey:

The Integrated Day Charter School is providing this letter in support of the ARRA Broadband Grant Application being submitted by the Department of Information Technology.

Given the minimal funding that charters schools receive, we are rapidly falling behind in technology compared to many schools. We support this application because it will help bring the innovative use of technology to our classrooms. The use of technology in our classes supports teachers in their efforts to differentiate curriculum and thus better serve all students. It also has the potential to engage more students and to enrich learning through the integration of virtual learning environments and high bandwidth synchronous online collaboration projects across schools. The benefits from the wise use of technology in the classroom would include higher test scores, increased graduation rates, and deeper learning in advanced content courses.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Anna B. James

Director



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Mr. Bailey:

Common Ground Charter High School is providing this letter in support of the ARRA Broadband Grant Application being submitted by the Department of Information Technology.

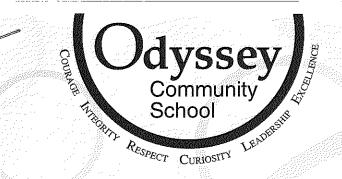
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Lizanne M. Cox

Director

Common Ground High School

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Mr. Bailey:

The Odyssey Community School is providing this letter in support of the ARRA Broadband Grant Application being submitted by the Department of Information Technology.

We support this application because it will help bring the innovative use of technology to our classrooms. The use of technology in our classes supports teachers in their efforts to differentiate curriculum and thus better serve all students. It also has the potential to engage more students and to enrich learning through the integration of virtual learning environments and high bandwidth synchronous online collaboration projects across schools. The benefits from the wise use of technology in the classroom would include higher test scores, increased graduation rates, and deeper learning in advanced content courses.

Elaine Stancliffe

Executive Director



Inspired learning through exploration

March 8, 2010

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101 East River Drive
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Mr. Bailey:

The Interdistrict School for Arts and Communication (ISAAC) is providing this letter in support of the ARRA Broadband Grant Application being submitted by the Department of Information Technology.

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Sincerely,

Dr. Lloyd A. Johnson

Executive Director

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Technology Coordinator

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

March 22, 2010

Mr. Richard Bailey
Deputy Chief Information Officer
Connecticut Department of Information Technology
101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of Quinebaug Valley Community College, I am writing to express support for the Broadband Technology grant proposed by the Connecticut Department of Information Technology to expand access to information and instruction through the Connecticut Education Network.

Quinebaug Valley Community College serves approximately 1,853 credit students each semester with a slightly smaller number of non-credit students enrolled throughout the year. Since 2000, headcount enrollment has grown by 56 percent and full-time students, usually younger more traditional students, have increased by 97 percent in the same time period. In order for these students to gain the knowledge needed to advance to higher levels of education and to enter the workforce with the skills required by Connecticut's competitive job market, they must have access to the most advanced educational technology and the latest information available. The inclusion of our college in this ARRA Broadband Grant means that we will be capable of supporting the kind of education our internet-savvy younger students require. In addition, with fifty percent of our non-credit enrollments focused on workforce development, students who are training or retraining for a career will have the resources necessary to support their efforts.

We are located in a sparsely populated area of the state with a higher cost for connection that has made access unavailable within CEN funding. Connecting our facility will be a major improvement in the educational environment for students and will result in major improvements to the internet environment in this part of the State.

I welcome the opportunity to support this innovative proposal and look forward to working with the Department of Information Technology to strengthen and expand the Connecticut Education Network.

Sincerely,

Ross Tomlin, Ed.D.

President, Quinebaug Valley Community College



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Richard Bailey, Sr.
Deputy Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Information Technology
101 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108

RE: ARRA Broadband Grant Application

Dear Deputy Commissioner Bailey:

The Connecticut Department of Labor (CTDOL) is providing this letter in support of the ARRA Broadband Grant Application being submitted by the Department of Information Technology.

We support this application because it enhances our ability to meet the needs of jobseekers and employers statewide. This will occur in at least two critical ways: 1) it decreases our reliance on physical locations, while increasing our capacity to provide services to more jobseekers and employers; and 2) individuals in rural areas with insufficient transportation to our current locations will be able to access services through technology.

The CTDOL is committed to the pursuit of technology in our service delivery model. This grant will provide the statewide infrastructure to allow us to succeed in that approach.





Acting Commissioner







STATE OF CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20230

Application reference - Easygrants ID: 7356

The Office of Policy and Management (OPM) serves as a staff agency reporting directly to the Governor. Our statutory responsibility includes the development of the budget and adherence to the budget throughout the biennial cycle.

As a part of that statutory responsibility, OPM reviews grant applications to ensure compliance with statutory, budgetary and fiscal policy. In their review, OPM staff ensures that applications accurately reflect the State's position regarding the use of funds and the availability of funding in the future.

OPM staff has reviewed the budget for the ARRA Broadband Grant application of the Department of Information Technology (DOIT) and determined that the funds which are offered as a match are available and that their use is in compliance with any limitations of which we are aware. We are comfortable with the budget analysis provided by DOIT and the fiscal information provided by the Department of Public Safety and the Connecticut Education Network.

Given the constraints which Connecticut and other states face, the broadband development which is being described in this application will not take place without the resources which the ARRA Broadband program offers. However, should the application be approved the state match required will be available as indicated on the application.

We support this application and will continue to do so throughout the grant period.

Very truly,

Robert Genuario

Secretary

March 22, 2010

Mr. Richard Bailey
Deputy Chief Information Officer
Connecticut Department of Information Technology
101 East River Drive, East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear Mr. Bailey,

On behalf of Northwestern Connecticut Community College, I am writing to express support for the Broadband Technology grant proposed by the Connecticut Department of Information Technology to expand access to information and instruction through the Connecticut Education Network.

Northwestern Connecticut Community College serves approximately 1,700 credit students each semester with a slightly smaller number of non-credit students enrolled throughout the year. Since 2000, headcount enrollment has grown by 7% and full-time equivalents have increased by 27% in the same time period. In order for these students to gain the knowledge needed to advance to higher levels of education and to enter the workforce with the skills required by Connecticut's competitive job market, they must have access to the most advanced educational technology and the latest information available. The inclusion of our college in this ARRA Broadband Grant means that we will be capable of supporting the kind of education our internet-savvy younger students require. In addition, with fifty percent of our non-credit enrollments focused on workforce development, students who are training or retraining for a career will have the resources necessary to support their efforts. It is important to note that the two largest towns in our service area, Winsted and Torrington, have unemployment rates of 12% compared to the State's average of 9.8% and the median income is \$13,000 below the State's median income. Torrington's poverty rate is 11%.

We are located in a sparsely populated area of the State, yet cover a very large geographic area. The higher cost for connection has made access unavailable within CEN funding. Connecting our facility will be a major improvement in the educational environment for students and will result in major improvements to the internet environment in this part of the State. For example, the Office of Rural Health is located at our college and improved broadband will assist health care providers (EMTs, hospital emergency rooms, etc.) in improving communications and the sharing of data.

I welcome the opportunity to support this innovative proposal and look forward to working with the Department of Information Technology to strengthen and expand the Connecticut Education Network.

Sincerely,

Barbara Douglass, Ph.D.

President

THE LICIA & MASON BEEKLEY COMMUNITY LIBRARY

10 Central Avenue PO Box 247 New Hartford, CT 06057

March 25, 2010

Richard R. Bailey
Deputy Chief Information Officer
State of Connecticut
Department of Information Technology
101 East River Drive
East Hartford, CT 06108

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing in support of the Department of Information Technology's application for a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant. Receiving our Internet connection through CEN has made it possible for our Library to provide fast Internet service to our patrons. Increasing the broadband capacity of our Library to a fiber connection would greatly improve what we can offer.

At our small library use of our public access Internet computers has been steadily increasing. Currently, we have seven public access Internet computers and use is up 41% since 2006. Many people do not have, or no longer have, Internet service or a computer at home; some want a faster Internet connection; some patrons just want a quiet place to work. Patrons are job hunting, checking e-mail, doing homework, checking into health issues, etc. Some days they are filled all day long.

We are always trying to respond to our patrons' needs and requests. Having Internet computers available at the Library is becoming an extremely important service we offer. Having a fiber connection to the Library would allow us to provide the best service we can to our patrons and would let us expand what we will be able to offer in the future. I hope you will favor this application for this most important service, for our Library and other public libraries in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Saunders

Library Director



The Brookfield Library

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March 24, 2010

Richard R. Bailey
Deputy Chief Information Officer
State of Connecticut
Department of Information Technology
101 East River Drive
East Harford, CT 06108

Dear Mr. Bailey,

I am writing in support of the Department of Information Technology's application for a Broadband Technology Opportunities grant. The Brookfield Library has had a Connecticut Education Network (CEN) line for the past few years. Because of the extremely heavy use of the library's Internet-accessible computers, and the bandwidth used by the library's online circulation software, the CEN connection speeds are no longer adequate to meet our needs.

Patron complaints about Internet connection speeds have led us to contract with Charter Communications for a higher-speed Internet connection. Charter had provided a basic connection at no cost to the library, but we are now paying \$50/month to be able to pull some of our traffic off the CEN line and transfer it to the cable modem. In this time of increased use and reduced funding, that \$600/year, as well as the \$600 piece of hardware required, could be better spent for many other line items.

Area residents seeking jobs, the shift of many resources from print to online, and the growing use of Web 2.0 tools are factors in patron expectations of their public libraries. Increased bandwidth through the CEN will allow us to continue to provide the level of service patrons have come to expect from The Brookfield Library.

Sincerely,

Anita R. Barney Library Director

U.S. Department of Commerce Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Authentication and Certifications

- 1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
- 2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
- 3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
- 4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
- 5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receive under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
- 6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

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Date	Authorized Organization Representative Signature
	FRANK E- ARUTE
	Print Name
·	FISCAL ADMIN MANAGER
	Title

CERTIFICATIONS REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS AND LOBBYING

Applicants should refer to the regulations cited below to determine the certification to which they are required to attest. Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 26, "Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension (Nonprocurement)" and 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

1. DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION, INELIGIBILITY AND VOLUNTARY EXCLUSION-LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

As required by Executive Order 12549, Debarment and Suspension, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 26, Section 26.510, Participants responsibilities, for prospective participants in lower tier covered transactions (except subcontracts for goods or services under the \$25,000 small purchase threshold unless the subtier recipient will have a critical influence on or substantive control over the award), as defined at 15 CFR Part 26, Sections 26.105 and 26.110 -

- (1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.
- (2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

2. LOBBYING

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

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

- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, 'Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.
- (3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Statement for loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

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PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE		
FRANK E. ARUTE, FISCAC/ADMINISTRATIVE MANAGER 1		
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DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

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Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

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