

**ADRIAN M. FENTY**  
MAYOR

March 8, 2010

The Honorable Gary Locke  
Secretary  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

One of my Administration's highest priorities has been to provide dramatically better services to the District of Columbia's neediest communities. The project we are proposing in the District's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) application will do just that. I urge you and your staff to give it your full consideration.

Our project will deploy fiber optic infrastructure to the District's Wards 5, 7, and 8, whose residents face significantly higher rates of poverty and unemployment than do residents of the city's other neighborhoods. Bridging the digital divide is an important step toward economic development and job attainment for these vulnerable residents, not to mention a critical element of our plan to improve the educational opportunities available to both children and adults in these communities.

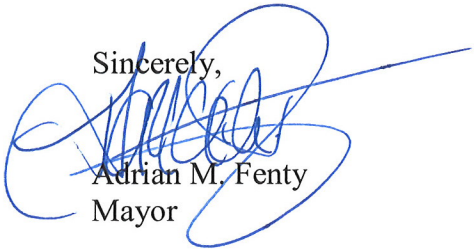
In addition to connecting many important community anchor institutions—such as public schools—throughout these neighborhoods, our project will play a key role in eliminating the middle-mile hurdle and enabling private-sector companies and non-profit organizations to cost-effectively build last-mile infrastructure to residents and businesses. The network will be a model CCI project.

Further, the District government has the considerable expertise and experience needed to successfully construct and operate the proposed network. Our remarkable fiber optic DC-NET network currently delivers high-quality services to schools, federal agencies, and other

customers. We will tap into that same operational and managerial talent to make our CCI project a success, too.

Let me reiterate my strong support for the District's CCI application. It is a well-designed project that I am confident we will execute well. Most importantly, it promises to deliver great benefits to the underserved residents of the District of Columbia's Wards 5, 7, and 8.

Sincerely,

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Adrian M. Fenty  
Mayor

Cc: Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, NTIA

**ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON**  
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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March 8, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information  
Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230-0002

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the most vulnerable residents of the District of Columbia, I am writing in support of the City's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) application.

I have worked in Congress with particular concern and energy on behalf of the disempowered residents of the City—and I believe this application represents an important step for these residents in certain sections of our city. As you know, communities with concentrated poverty are frequently the last to get broadband infrastructure from private sector providers, and their residents are least able to afford broadband services when such access is available. The District's CCI project directly addresses this problem by deploying fiber and bridging the digital divide in the neediest parts of the City first.

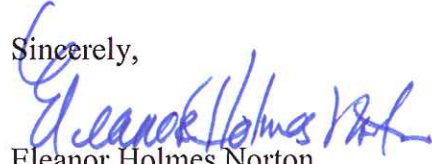
This application will bring the District government's strong fiber-optics operational experience and capability to bear in deploying a high-capacity fiber network to community anchor institutions in Wards 5, 7 and 8—areas of the District with the highest poverty rates as well as other social challenges. The network will connect a wide range of key community anchor institutions, and will serve as a platform for the private sector and non-profits to deploy infrastructure to residences and businesses.

As an official who is extremely familiar with the District government's strengths and capabilities, I am confident in the District's demonstrated ability to implement and operate the proposed project. The District has proven, through its successful fiber optic DC-NET network, that it can deliver high-quality high-capacity services to anchors in a cost-effective way. DC-NET has already built fiber to public schools throughout the City, for example, and serves the communications needs of both local and federal agencies. With this infrastructure project, which

includes building fiber to many of the District's charter schools, such services and capacity will become available to many more schoolchildren and teachers in Wards 5, 7, and 8.

I strongly support the District's CCI application. Please do not hesitate to call me if I can offer any additional insight on the benefits this project will have for the City and its most vulnerable residents.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Holmes Norton



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



Office of the Director

March 12, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program: Support for DC Government  
BTOP CCI Application Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant - District of Columbia Government

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Department of Health (DOH) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

We are a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term, and we are well established within the DC community. DOH has participated in defining and developing a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning
- Adult education & training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses and public entities

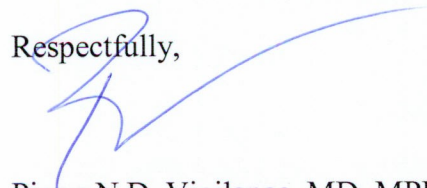


DOH directly manages and works with non-profit associations such as the District of Columbia Primary Care Association to manage a network of 39 community-based health clinics located primarily in more impoverished areas of the city. Connectivity on the District's proposed network infrastructure will reduce clinic telecom costs as it improves services and access. It will enable care providers and residents to access records through a secure, HIPAA compliant network. It will also lay the groundwork for residents in underserved areas to take advantage of new services including telemedicine, in-home self monitoring and reporting, and web-based health training and wellness programs.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to utilize many of the services expected to be available over this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available to their families and friends.

Finally, we believe that the District government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Respectfully,



Pierre N.D. Vigilance, MD, MPH  
Director

cc: Kimberly Jefferies Leonard, Ph.D., COO  
Arturo Weldon, PMP, Chief Information Technology Officer

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES



Office of the Director

March 3, 2010

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

Re: Support for DC Government BTOP Application

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Department of Human Services (DHS) is pleased to support the District's proposal to increase broadband awareness and online vocational training for public assistance and food stamp recipient families in Southeast Washington, DC. This area has a poverty rate in excess of 68 percent and an unemployment rate in excess of 28 percent. We understand that the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) will submit on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia an application for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant funds for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

This project will provide the District with critical broadband infrastructure (public safety agencies, educational institutions, libraries, and health care facilities). The expanded broadband, computer access and training programs that comprise the District's BTOP proposal will enable collaboration among District agencies, private businesses and non-profit organizations. Most importantly, the proposal will increase access to economic opportunity for all District of Columbia residents.

Specifically, our organization will have greater opportunity to increase broadband awareness and the capacity for online vocational training opportunities to be delivered to TANF and Food Stamp recipient families in Southeast Washington, DC.

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
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I strongly urge you to fund the OCTO Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Application (CCI) initiative since the project is critical to providing improved services to District citizens, businesses, and service providers.

Sincerely,

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Clarence H. Carter  
Director

CHC/msm



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OFFICE ON AGING



Office of the Director

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband  
Technology Opportunities Program – District of Columbia CCI Support  
Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant - District of Columbia Government

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Office on Aging (DCOA) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

As part of its mission of outreach to the District's older population, DCOA manages more than 50 senior wellness and nutrition centers throughout the city. We are a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term, and we are well established within the DC community. DCOA has participated in defining and developing a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

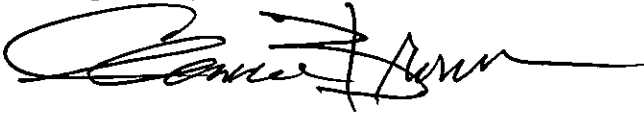
- High-definition video/audio distance learning
- Adult education & training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses, and public entities

Specifically, many of our centers have limited or no Internet access and are located in underserved areas. Affordable broadband over the District's network will enable us to provide an expanded range of services to our elderly constituents including, for example, health training and classes via video conferencing in the targeted areas where facilities are located.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to utilize many of the services expected to be available over this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available to them.

Finally, we believe that the District government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Respectfully submitted,

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Clarence Brown, Ph.D.  
Executive Director



March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and use federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

DCPL is a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term. The library has participated in defining and developing a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high-quality, low-cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning
- Adult education and job training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services, such as telemedicine, from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses and public entities
- Dedicated public safety applications for police, homeland security and emergency rescue agencies



DCPL operates 26 public libraries throughout the city, with four new libraries opening during the grant period. Infrastructure enhancements to support up to 1 Gbps bandwidth at our existing locations and fiber construction to new sites will allow us to serve citizens' need for broadband access at an unprecedented level. Integrated with our Public Computing Center application, the District's infrastructure proposal will be a critical component in our libraries' ability to provide access to job research and technical training, as well as our ability to serve as extension sites through video teleconferencing for training sessions delivered by the Department of Employment Services (DOES).

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available through these programs.

Finally, we believe that the District government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chris Tonjes  
Director, Information Technology





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Tel 202.274.5800

March 3, 2010

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

Re: Support for D.C. Government BTOP Application

Mr. Strickling:

The Community College of the District of Columbia is pleased to propose an increase broadband awareness and online vocational training program to public assistance and food stamp-recipient families in Southeast Washington, D.C. This area has a poverty rate in excess of 68 percent and an unemployment rate in excess of 28 percent. We understand that the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) will submit on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia an application for NTIA grant funds for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

This project will provide the District with critical broadband infrastructure (public safety agencies, educational institutions, libraries, health care facilities). The expanded broadband, computer access and training programs that comprise the District's BTOP proposal will enable collaboration among District agencies, private businesses and non-profit organizations. Most importantly, the proposal will increase access to economic opportunity for all District of Columbia residents and especially those in Wards 7 and 8.

Specifically, our organization will have greater opportunity to increase broadband awareness and the capacity for online vocational training opportunities to be delivered to TANF and Food Stamp recipient families in Southeast Washington D.C.

I strongly urge you to fund the OCTO Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Application (CCI) initiative since the project is critical to providing improved services to District citizens, businesses and service providers.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Jonathan Gueverra  
CEO  
Community College of the District of Columbia

March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The University of the District of Columbia (UDC) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

UDC is a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term. We have participated in defining and developing a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning and intercommunication between UDC and Community College of the District of Columbia sites.
- Adult education and job training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services, such as telemedicine, from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses, and public entities
- Dedicated public safety applications for police, homeland security, and emergency rescue agencies

UDC is the only fully-accredited public institution of higher education in the nation's capital. Through its community college, flagship and graduate schools, it offers affordable post-secondary education to District of Columbia residents at the certificate, baccalaureate and graduate levels.

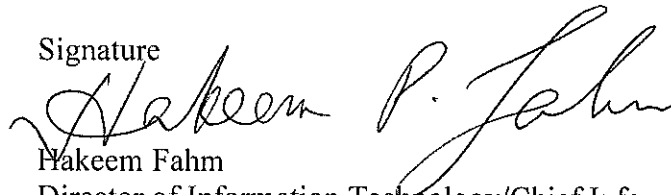
In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic

development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available through these programs.

Finally, we believe that the District government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Respectfully submitted,

Signature

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Hakeem Fahm

Director of Information Technology/Chief Information Officer  
University of the District of Columbia



David P. Steinour  
Chief Information Officer  
Information Systems & Services

March 25, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The George Washington University is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

The George Washington University is the largest institution of higher education in the nation's capital. The university supports more than 70 research centers and institutes in the District of Columbia and Virginia. GW offers comprehensive programs of undergraduate and graduate liberal arts study as well as degree programs in medicine, law, engineering, education, business and international affairs. Each year, GW enrolls a diverse population of undergraduate, graduate and professional students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and more than 120 countries. As the largest university in the District of Columbia, GW is committed to expanding access to research and educational resources on the network to community anchor institutions in underserved areas."

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- Education and job training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning

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- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services, such as telemedicine, from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses, and public entities
- Dedicated public safety applications for police, homeland security, and emergency rescue agencies

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available through these programs.

Finally, we believe that the District government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Respectfully submitted,



Authorized name: David P. Steinour  
Title: Chief Information Officer



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
D.C. FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20001**



ADDRESS REPLY TO  
"FIRE CHIEF"

March 11, 2010

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

To Whom It May Concern:

We understand that the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) will submit on behalf of the Government of the District of Columbia an application for NTIA grant funds for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

We have participated in defining objectives and benefits for the use of expanded broadband infrastructure within the District. This project will provide critical additional technical infrastructure to us as a public safety entity. It positions all D.C. Fire and EMS Department sites to be fully plugged in to applications offered over District-wide and regional public safety networks. It also provides fire fighters and rescue personnel with the critical applications they need to do their jobs more efficiently.

As needs for inter-operability, critical application deployment, and communications among our agency and other District public safety-related agencies expand, the proposed OCTO infrastructure will permit more rapid development of new capabilities, faster deployment and more reliable operations.

Please consider this letter the strongest expression of support of the OCTO initiative since the project is critical to providing improved services to District citizens, businesses and service providers.

Respectfully,

Dennis L. Rubin  
Fire and Emergency Medical Services Chief



**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT**

March 10, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
United States Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) understands that the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO), as part of the Government of the District of Columbia, is applying for possible NTIA grant funds for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

MPD has actively participated in defining objectives and benefits for the use of expanded broadband infrastructure within the District. This project will provide critical additional technical infrastructure to us as a law enforcement agency, enable more efficient and enhanced interoperability between agencies, and provide greater bandwidth to support improved institutional capabilities.

As the need for interoperability, critical application deployment, and communications among our agency and other public safety institutions continues to grow, an expanded OCTO infrastructure will permit more rapid development of new capabilities, faster deployment, and more reliable operations.

Please consider this the strongest expression of support of the OCTO initiative, as this is critical to providing improved services to residents, businesses, and other organizations throughout Washington, D.C.

Respectfully,

  
Cathy L. Lanier  
Chief of Police



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

March 22, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Office of Cable Television (OCT) sends this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's (District) NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, through which the District seeks to secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and enhanced state-of-the-art communications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District.

OCT regulates the provision of cable television service in the District. It also protects and advances the cable service-related interests of the District and its residents.

Acting in this capacity, we support the District's proposal to establish an open access, high-capacity core ring architecture to promote affordable broadband to residents and businesses in underserved areas of the city and to spur competition among providers of these last mile communications services through the provision of competitively priced backhaul services. This communications network will be truly open and will provide fair pricing to all service and content providers who wish to interconnect.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to encourage all service providers to avail themselves of the many great economic development opportunities that will be available through this unique network.





The Honorable Larry Strickling  
March 22, 2010  
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Finally, we believe that the District government's plan and grant application have 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 the implementation of the District's proposed network.

Respectfully submitted,

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Eric E. Richardson  
Director



**Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School**

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To: Assistant Secretary  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

From: Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School  
1404 Jackson St., N.E.  
Washington, DC 20017

Re: Support for DC Government BTOP Application for DC-Net Broadband Infrastructure

Date: March 1, 2010

Dear Sirs:

As the Executive Director at Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School in the District of Columbia, I am eager for our school to participate in the District of Columbia's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), as a recipient of broadband services as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

The Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School is located in Ward 5, an area identified as underserved for broadband access. Over 90 percent of our students meet the USDA income guidelines for "free/reduced lunch". Additionally, our students represent families who are under served and without access or provision of broadband services in their homes and neighborhoods.

McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School purchases telecommunications services from MegaPath Solutions, at a monthly cost of \$568.00, \$700 per month to Sprint, and \$63.00 per month to Comcast. In addition, \$120.00 is paid annually to Network Solutions. Under the District's proposal, we estimate a cost reduction of 10 to 25 percent for equivalent or superior services.

Furthermore, our participation in this program will enable our school to connect to education and research specific applications to be made available over the District's network. These applications are not offered by commercial providers in our area. We will also be linked to other charter schools, the District's public schools, the University of the District of Columbia, and its new community college campuses.

I strongly urge funding of this application. We believe NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program is critical to access and in providing improved broadband services to not only our students, but to all students throughout the District.

Respectfully submitted,

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Linda McKay, Ed.D.  
Executive Director  
Mary McLeod Bethune Day Academy Public Charter School



Public Charter High School

March 3, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant - District of Columbia Government

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Thurgood Marshall Academy is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia. We are a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term, and we are well established within the DC community. In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most. Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning
- Adult education & training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses and public entities

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over

this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available to their families and friends.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,



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## WASHINGTON LATIN PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL

4 March 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant – District of Columbia Government

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Washington Latin Public Charter School is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia. We are a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term, and we are well established within the DC community. In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most. Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning
- Adult education & training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning
- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses and public entities

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available to their families and friends.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

*Martha C. Cutts*  
Martha C. Cutts  
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March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
US Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

**RE: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA)  
District of Columbia Comprehensive Communities Infrastructure (CCI) Application**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The District of Columbia Primary Care Association (DCPCA) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure, and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

DCPCA is a Community Anchor Institution, as the NTIA defines the term, and with a 14-year history working with health centers and other health care stakeholders to improve quality and access to care in the District, we are well established within the DC community. The DC Government has defined and developed a much-needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, including DCPCA-member community health centers, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high-quality, low-cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it most. The types of services that may be offered over this network include: high-definition video/audio distance learning; adult education and job training opportunities, including access to knowledge, and online and distance learning; health care oriented professional development; medical services, such as telemedicine, from urban health care programs; broadband services to homes, businesses, and public entities; and dedicated public safety applications for police, homeland security, and emergency rescue agencies.

DCPCA is submitting a corresponding application under the BTOP program for a Sustainable Broadband Adoption project that will build on these efforts, providing last mile coverage to patients of community health centers to facilitate provision of medical services, electronic record-keeping, and communication between patients and providers, particularly those suffering from chronic diseases that require significant at-home care and patient self-management.

In the event that the DC Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, DCPCA intends to utilize many of the services expected to be available over this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the economic development, personal growth, and social interaction opportunities that will be available to their families and friends. DCPCA supports the DC Government's proposal to assist in the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

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Sharon A. Baskerville  
Chief Executive Officer



# buildinghope

QUALITY/RESULTS/GROWTH FOR PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband  
Technology Opportunities Program

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Building Hope is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

Building Hope is a 501(c)(3) organization with an established customer base within the District. The DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to constituents.

We believe that the proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

By obtaining connections to the existing D.C. fiber optic network, many community organizations such as charter schools can benefit from high speed internet connections that were previously only available to large enterprise organizations. This technology will allow these schools to utilize their connection to the internet in ways not possible using their current connections, such as streaming video services, distance learning capabilities, and video conferencing, while obtaining this higher level service at a lower cost than their existing internet connections.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over this network.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

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S. Joseph Bruno  
President, Building Hope



March 12, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) – District of  
Columbia CCI Application Support  
Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant - District of Columbia Government

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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The D.C. Public Charter School Board (PCSB) writes this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state of the art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

The PCSB, as the sole agency responsible for authorizing and monitoring D.C. public charter schools, supports this application as one of many ways it supports the charter schools and the communities they serve. D.C. public charter schools, which serve 38% of Washington, D.C.'s public school students, are most often located in communities that have been historically under-resourced. In fact, the majority of charter school students is minority and classified as low-income. D. C. public charter schools are considered Community Anchor Institutions, as the NTIA defines the term, and are established to support students, families and communities, as educational institutions as well as catalysts for community development.

In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build, upgrade, extend, and deliver high-speed broadband Internet connectivity to multiple Community Anchor Institution locations throughout the community, facilitating interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high-quality, low-cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

Here is just a sample of the types of services that may be offered over this network:

- High-definition video/audio distance learning
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- Health care oriented professional development
- Medical services, such as telemedicine, from urban health care programs
- Broadband services to homes, businesses, and public entities
- Dedicated public safety applications for police, homeland security, and emergency rescue agencies.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to utilize many of the services expected to be available over this network, and to encourage all of our constituents to avail themselves of the many great economic development, personal growth and social interaction opportunities that will be available to their families and friends.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Josephine C. Baker".

Josephine C. Baker  
Executive Director





Cisco Systems, Inc.  
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March 15, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

**RE:** Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Cisco Systems, Inc. (Cisco) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Cisco shares the DC Government's vision in fostering broadband access in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia. Cisco is committed to the DC Government's long-term success in this effort and will support the proposed middle mile broadband project by utilizing Cisco subject matter experts to provide guidance advice and knowledge around industry best practices, architectures, solutions, integration and support for applicable research efforts.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Please feel free to contact John F. Schnelle, Cisco Account Manager, via phone at (410) 309-5523 or email at [johschne@cisco.com](mailto:johschne@cisco.com) if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth A. Gaines".

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March 9, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

**Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Ciena is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

Ciena is engaged in the business of manufacturing and selling optical networking equipment and software. We have an established clientele in the Washington, DC area as well as nationally and internationally.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

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March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

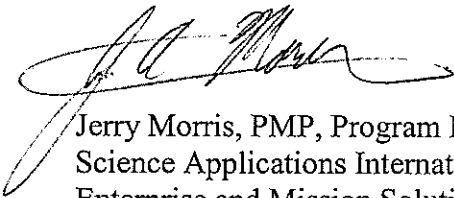
We are a leading provider of scientific, engineering, systems integration, technical services and solutions with an established clientele in the Washington, DC area, nationally, and internationally. SAIC currently supports DC-NET through a seven year contract. SAIC provides wireless installations, Project Management, Network Engineering, pathway construction, fiber optic placement and electrical installs with fiber splicing and construction for inside plant (ISP) and outside plant (OSP) that includes aerial and underground plant. These are the competencies that support deployment and implementation of a state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

SAIC services are supplied directly and through our contractors that include small and minority owned businesses. A few companies we use are Capital Commitment Solutions, Potomac Integration and Consulting, Blue Water Survey, ANC, Mona Electric, and Chesapeake Netcraftsmen. SAIC also provides 24/7/365 emergency restoration for fiber damage with Fiberco.

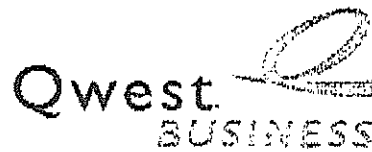
We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

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March 12, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
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National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

**Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Qwest Communications Company, LLC is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

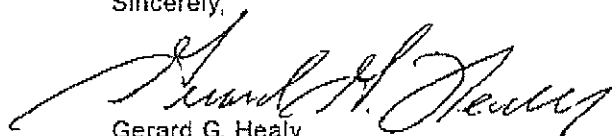
As a telecommunications carrier with an established customer base in the District, it is our understanding that the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We support the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project and have been advised that it will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of providing many of the services expected to be available over this network.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,



Gerard G. Healy

Qwest Communications Company, LLC

917-922-6380



March 19, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Level 3 Communications, LLC ("Level 3") is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

Level 3 is a facilities based carrier with an established customer base within the District. In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over this network.

We respectfully request your favorable consideration of the Grant funding requested to assist in the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Savill", written over a white background.

Paul Savill  
Senior Vice President





March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: Support for District of Columbia Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Grant Application

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Allied Telecom is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

Headquartered in Washington, DC, Allied Telecom is a minority owned, LSDBE, and has been providing Broadband and Internet Services to the Washington DC community since 1990. We are enthusiastic supporters of the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) proposal to enhance broadband services to the residents and businesses of Washington through the BTOP grants of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Allied has been a partner of the DC Government for several years and is a current provider of Broadband and Internet services for multiple agencies within the Government. As a District based technology firm with deep ties to the city of Washington, Allied has a thorough understanding of how important it is to our residents and business communities that our government agencies have secure, robust and reliable bandwidth. Additionally, it is critical that there are adequate publically accessible computers at libraries, recreation centers and schools. These computers are used for job searches, career training, education, research, e-mail and social networking. Today, the bandwidth demand greatly outstrips current resource requirements. The BTOP investments will ensure that the District network and public Internet services are never a barrier to the deployment of any application that will enhance, enrich or improve the lives of the residents and businesses of Washington, DC.

Allied Telecom firmly believes that the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers like Allied Telecom to offer high quality, low cost integrated data



services to our customers. We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over this network.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,



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March 5, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Subject: National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband  
Technology Opportunities Program  
Grant Application – March 15, 2010  
Applicant - District of Columbia Government

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

T-Mobile is writing this letter in support of the District of Columbia Government's NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant Application, which is intended to seek, secure and utilize federal grant funding, along with local matching funds, to deploy new and upgraded state-of-the-art telecommunications infrastructure in unserved and underserved neighborhoods within the District of Columbia.

We are a wireless services provider with an established customer base within the District. In particular, the DC Government has defined and developed a much needed plan to build a high capacity core network infrastructure that facilitates interconnection for qualified service providers to offer high quality, low cost integrated data services to our constituents.

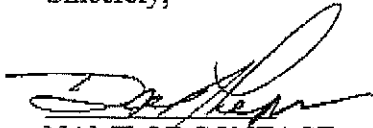
We believe that the DC Government's proposed middle mile broadband project will succeed in achieving the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) objectives to spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity for the parts of our community that need it the most.

In particular, the middle mile infrastructure proposed by the DC Government would offer us a competitive choice for the backhaul capacity that we need to provide 4G wireless broadband services. The DC middle mile network would enable us to make this state-of-the-art service available throughout the District of Columbia.

In the event that the District of Columbia Government is provided with BTOP grant funding, we intend to explore the possibility of utilizing many of the services expected to be available over this network.

Finally, we believe that the District of Columbia Government's 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 the implementation of its proposed network.

Sincerely,



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GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER



Bryan D. Sivak  
Chief Technology Officer

March 26, 2010

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

Re: BTOP CCI Application #5116  
DC Community Access Network

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) is submitting this application for a federal grant from Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration, under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), Round Two (Winter 2010), as authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

"DC Community Access Network" ("DC-CAN") is a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) project (EasyGrants ID#5116). The project intends to deploy a District-wide fiber network to health, educational, public safety and other community anchor institutions. The network will enable job creation and skills development objectives for residents of the District (and complements two other NTIA BTOP applications, one each for Sustainable Broadband Adoption and one for Public Computing Centers). The fiber network will provide wireless access, backhaul services for commercial and institutional entities, as well as communications services for District of Columbia Government agencies. Finally, the network will enable qualified organizations to provide last-mile capabilities to residents in economically distressed areas of the District.

OCTO, and its communications infrastructure group, DC-Net, has installed and operated a basic fiber network since 2002, using the existing Verizon underground conduit system. Standard operating procedures for DC-Net in planning new fiber paths include confirming paths are consistent with District Department of Transportation conventions, and do not interfere with DDOT operations.

Current plans for DC-CAN suggest route paths for new fiber that exclusively utilize existing Verizon conduits, and that no new construction will be required, nor ground disturbed. No new conduits will be laid, nor will new manholes be placed. Terminations within buildings will be consistent with installation of other communications infrastructure, as is deployed today.

As outlined in BTOP's "NEPA and NHPA Guidance for Round Two Applicants", OCTO understands that it is not required to obtain either an Environmental Assessment (EA) or an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) at this time. However, OCTO did review the proposed site list (for Community Anchor Institutions, and Points of InterConnect) and the proposed fiber route list, to ensure DC-CAN is only installing fiber where Verizon conduit exists.

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
March 26, 2010  
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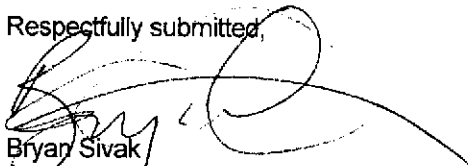
OCTO would like consideration for a Categorical Exclusion under A.6 in Appendix B, "DOC-Eligible Categorical Exclusions", as outlined in the "NEPA Guidance" document. A.6 states, "Adding fiber optic cable to transmission structures or burying fiber optic cable in existing transmission line rights-of-way." OCTO believes the DC-CAN project qualifies for this exclusion.

Should the application be reviewed in due diligence, OCTO is prepared to discuss what NTIA feels would be satisfactory, in addressing any remaining environmental concerns.

Please let us know if there are any questions, or require additional information.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bryan Sivak  
Chief Technology Officer



## ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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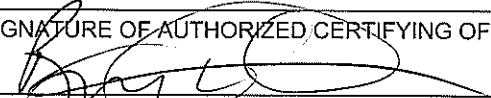
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**NOTE:** Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional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

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title, or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progress reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards for merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-1 33, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

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| *SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL<br> | *TITLE<br>CTO                    |
| *APPLICANT ORGANIZATION<br>OCTO   | *DATE SUBMITTED<br>03/24/00 0.00 |

### CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

Applicants should review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

#### LOBBYING

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

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

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

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


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

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| PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE<br>Bryan Sivak, Chief Technology Officer     |  |
| SIGNATURE<br> | DATE<br>May 13, 2010   |



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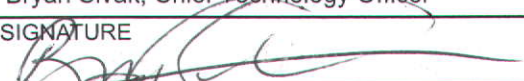
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| Bryan Sivak, Chief Technology Officer   |                                      |
| SIGNATURE   | DATE                                 |
|  | May 13, 2010                         |

## DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

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

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

Approved by OMB  
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| <b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> a. contract<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> b. grant<br>c. cooperative agreement<br>d. loan<br>e. loan guarantee<br>f. loan insurance   | <b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application<br>b. initial award<br>c. post-award  | <b>3. Report Type:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing<br>b. material change<br><b>For Material Change Only:</b><br>year _____ quarter _____<br>date of last report _____ |
| <b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b><br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Subawardee<br>Tier _____, if known:<br><br>Congressional District, if known: DC   | <b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b><br><br>Congressional District, if known:   |  |
| <b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b><br>Department of Commerce NTIA  | <b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b><br>Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP)<br>CFDA Number, if applicable: 11.557  |  |
| <b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b>   | <b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b><br>\$ 17,457,942  |  |
| <b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b><br>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):<br>Not Applicable   | <b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> (including address if different from No. 10a)<br>(last name, first name, MI):   |  |
| <b>11.</b> Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure. | Signature: <br>Print Name: <u>Bryan Sivak</u><br>Title: <u>Chief Technology Officer</u><br>Telephone No.: <u>202.727.2277</u> Date: <u>05/13/2010</u> |  |
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