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#### **Supplemental Information**

- 1. Letters of Support Letters from Community Anchor Institutions and partners in the project; 37 total letters.
- 2. Nexus Cost, Financial and Data Calculations Provided as additional information to show the business model information developed by Nexus. Note the cost worksheet provides additional information beyond what was requested in the submission worksheet.
- 3. Vendor Bids Provided as additional information to show validity of cost projections. Bids or calculations provided by Cableworks (Fiber installations), BTI Systems (fiber transmission equipment), and Enterasys Systems (Core router equipment and software).
- 4. Build Out Plan Provided as additional information to describe the build out for the fiber route.

Mark Stevenson President, Nexus Systems, Inc msteve@nexussystems.net



#### BOB BUCKLEY, SHERIFF EX OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

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March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

The Union Parish Sheriff's Office fully supports this Broadband Technology Opportunity Program application to provide much needed improved broadband service to our rural region of the state.

It will be beneficial to our schools, health care entities, businesses and residences, while providing the urgently needed public safety upgrades that will ultimately result in a safer environment for the community I serve.

Thank you for your kind evaluation of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Bob Buckley Sheriff

Union Parish



# Region 8 NORTH CENTRAL CAMPUS

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

The North Central Area, Louisiana Technical College Farmerville Campus located at 605 North Boundary, Farmerville, Louisiana supports this application. The project will be a great educational resource for the students we serve. It will also promote economic development that in turn will benefit the students enrolled in our vocational programs. In the rural parishes where broadband Internet access is limited or non-existent, there is a critical need for high speed service.

Thank you for your support of this grant application.

Sincerely

William Farr

Louisiana Technical College

North Central Area Farmerville Campus M. Stein Baughman, Jr. MAYOR

Gay Nell McIntosh Town Clerk Town of Farmerville

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> Mike Allen Supervisor of Public Services

March 16, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Farmerville, located on the banks of beautiful Lake D'Arbonne in Union Parish has been designed as a great place to retire. It is the parish seat of Union Parish. Having upgraded broadband Internet service available in Union Parish and in North Central Louisiana will be a wonderful resource for this region of the state. The Town of Farmerville supports this Broadband Technology Opportunity Program application to provide much needed improved broadband service to the seven rural parishes named in this grant application. This collaborative effort between the Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. to upgrade the broadband infrastructure in this region of the state will help stimulate the economy. Economic development is a high priority for all of Union Parish.

This project will provide the infrastructure needed for improved broadband services to the Louisiana Technical College North Central Campus, Union Parish Public Schools, Union Christian Academy, D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, Tri-Ward and Union General Hospitals, volunteer fire departments and other public service agencies, local businesses and residences in Union Parish. Improved communication between the public safety entities serving the area will result in a much safer environment.

Thank you for your support of this grant application.

Sincerely,

M. Stein Baughman, Jr.

Mayor

Town of Farmerville

#### POLICE TURY OF UNION PARISH

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DISTRICT 1

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March 24, 2010

**DISTRICT 2** 

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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications & Information Administration Department of Commerce

**DISTRICT 3** 

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**DISTRICT 4** JOHNNY BUCKLEY 12784 HWY 2 HEENECE, LA 71222 TEL, 285/1234

DISTRICT 5 JERRY RUGG 90 WELLS ROAD DOWNSVILLE, LA 71234 TEL 983-8991

DISTRICT 6 **ALVIN ALLEN** 1919 SWEET LILLIE ROAD MARION, LA 71269 TEL, 368-3622 Dear Mr. Strickling:

This letter is in support of bringing broadband service to Union Parish, LA. We understand that the Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and private companies are applying for benefits under the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program that will help with the financing to deploy broadband in rural and underserved areas.

Broadband access will help our communities to improve education and job training, two crucial areas of importance to our parish. In addition, broadband access will allow members of our communities to have fast access to the same information on health, jobs, and other topics that citizens in urban areas enjoy.

We think that broadband access is important and hope that Comprehensive Community Infrastructure funds will help provide broadband service to our entire parish.

Sincerely,

DISTRICT 7

VERGIL RAMSEY 510 DE LOUTRE SWITCH ROAD FARMERVILLE, LA 71241

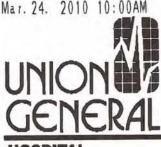
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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

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This project will promote the use of telemedicine in the hospitals in the region. It is a great resource for all of the anchor institutions that serve the rural communities. It will also spur much needed economic development.

The Union General Hospital located at 901 James Avenue in Farmerville, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Enalyn Ormond, CEO

Sincerely,



#### D'Arbonne Woods Charter School

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, located in Farmerville, Louisiana, supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to our charter school and to the other anchor institutions, businesses and residents of Union Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve seven parishes in North Louisiana. This partnership between government and business will stimulate much needed economic development in Union Parish.

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School will benefit from this project. We support this effort to provide high quality Internet access to this area of the state.

Your consideration of this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Corie G. Williams

Principal

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School

# **Union Parish School Board**

Post Office Box 308 Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

Steve Dozier Superintendent

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March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project that will serve seven of the piney hills parishes in North Louisiana. Partnership between government and business, such as this created through this project, is what this state needs to build the economy.

It will benefit the children in our school district. I strongly encourage support of this project that will provide the basic infrastructure needed to upgrade Internet to our rural schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Steve Dozier Steve Dozier

Superintendent of Schools

Union Parish

## **Union Parish School Board**

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology coordinator for Union Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely, Charlett Bowen

Charlotte Bowen

Technology Coordinator Union Parish School District



March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

#### Dear Sir:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes in North Louisiana. As director of the Union Parish Public Library, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application. A successful effort by the Board of Regents, a governmental entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private business, to secure funding will promote economic development throughout this area of the state. It will provide a much needed resource for the anchor institutions in Union Parish.

As director of the Union Parish Public Library, I support this grant application. Thank you for your consideration of this request. haniet. Hermann

Sincerely,

Stephanie A. Herrmann Union Parish Public Library



Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

Our local public safety agencies and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project that will serve seven parishes in North Central Louisiana. A partnership between government, business entities and institutions of learning, both secondary and higher education, as created through this project, is what this state need to strengthen and build the economic base for these areas.

Having access to broadband Internet service in this region of the state will benefit many of the students enrolled at Grambling State University and all of our local school systems. On-line courses and many other resources provided by the university and other agencies will become available to many with limited to no access in any other way. The benefits are limitless for all anchor institutions, businesses and residents, but especially to Grambling State University that is a university with great historical significance to the State of Louisiana and our nation.

This university strongly supports this project. It will provide the basic infrastructure so vitally needed in this rural area of the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Winfred R. Jones

Associate Vice President for Information Technology

Grambling State University



OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

March 12, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

Louisiana Tech University supports this application. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project is needed in this rural region. It will enable students to enroll in online courses that are provided by our university. It will be a great resource for Louisiana Tech students that live throughout the region. This project will increase our enrollment and improve our current services. The project will expand job creation in this region of the state that needs to build the economy. It will support the anchor institutions that provide needed services.

Thank you for your support of this collaborative endeavor. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Leslie K. Guice

Vice President for Research & Development

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Bethel Christian School, located at 2901 Winona Drive in Ruston, Louisiana, supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to make available broadband Internet service to our private school. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, have formed a partnership to submit a BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve parishes in North Central Louisiana. This endeavor will stimulate much needed economic development throughout the region.

The students attending Bethel Christian School will benefit from this project. We support getting high quality Internet access to this area of the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stevenson Principal

Bethel Christian School

# Lincoln Parish School Board

410 S. Farmerville St.

Ruston, LA 71270

Voice 318-255-1430 Fax 318-255-3203

Otha L. Anders President Danny L. Bell Superintendent

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology coordinator for Lincoln Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely, Metchell

Wanda Mitchell

Technology Coordinator
Lincoln Parish School District

#### Lincoln Parish School Board

410 S. Farmerville St. Ruston, LA 71270 Voice 318-255-1430 Fax 318-255-3203

Otha L. Anders President Danny L. Bell Superintendent

March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As superintendent of schools in Lincoln Parish, I strongly support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve seven of the piney hills parishes in North Louisiana. This partnership between government and business will promote economic development in this region of the state.

The children in Lincoln Parish schools will benefit from this project. I strongly support this project to provide the infrastructure needed to upgrade Internet to schools.

Thank you for your positive review of this application.

Sincerely,

Danny Bell Superintendent of Schools

Lincoln Parish



Jackson Parish Hospital

"Partners for Life"

165 Beech Springs Road . Jonesboro, Louisiana 71251. Telephone 318-259-4435 An Affiliate of St. Francis Medical Center

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote the use of telemedicine in the hospitals in the region. It is a great resource for all of the anchor institutions that serve the rural communities. It will also spur much needed economic development.

The Jackson Parish Hospital located at 165 Beech Springs Road in Jonesboro, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Monger, Administrator Jackson Parish Hospital



# Jackson Parish Library

614 South Polk Avenue JONESBORO, LOUISIANA 71251

March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As Director of the Jackson Parish Library, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) application. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband internet connectivity for Jackson Parish in north Louisiana. The effort of this government entity and private business to secure funding will ultimately promote economic development throughout this part of the state. It will improve the services that anchor institutions, such as the Jackson Parish Library, can offer to the public.

The Jackson Parish Library strongly supports this CCI application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robin M. Toms Library Director

#### JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY

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WARD 3 KENT HIGHTOWER 275 Hickory Lane Jonesboro, LA. 71251 (318) 259-8340

WARD 4 NATHANIEL ZENO, JR. 1407 Leon Drive Jonesboro, LA. 71251 (318) 259-4741

WARD 5 MAXIE F. MONROE 802 Leon Drive Jonesboro, LA. 71251 (318) 259-7948

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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary
Communications & Information
National Telecommunications & Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote economic development in the rural parishes when broadband Internet access becomes available. Broadband is a critically needed resource for the anchor institutions that serve our rural communities.

The Jackson Parish Police Jury, the local fire departments, homeland security, water districts, as well as town and village governments supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your king review of this grant.

Sincerely,

JACKSON PARISH POLICE JURY

Eddie Langston

President

Wayne R. Alford, Superintendent Dennis Clary, President P.O. Box 705, 315 Pershing Highway Jonesboro, LA 71251-705 e-mail walford@jpsb.us Telephone (318) 259-4456 Fax (318) 259-2527 Web www.jpsb.us

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology supervisor for Jackson Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely,

Mike Staples Technology Supervisor Jackson Parish School District

Tike Staples

#### JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions in Jackson Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes along Highway 167 in North Louisiana. This collaborative effort between government and business will promote economic development throughout the parishes that will be touched. It will improve educational opportunities for the students we serve in Jackson Parish.

The Jackson Parish School District supports this CCI application to provide improved Internet service to our area of the state. If this grant is funded, it will address a great need in this parish.

Sincerely,

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Wayne Alford Superintendent of Schools Jackson Parish



P.O. Box 152 301 W. Boundary Street Winnfield, LA 71483

FAX (318) 628-2035/Phone (318) 648-3000

March 9, 2010

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote the use of telemedicine in the hospitals in the region. It is a great resource for all of the anchor institutions that serve the rural communities. It will also spur much needed economic development.

The Winn Parish Medical Center located at 301 West Boundary Avenue in Winnfield, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,



#### Winn Parish Sheriff's Department

A.D. "Bodie" LITTLE Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector

P. O. Box 950 Winnfield, LA 71483 Phone: (318) 628-4611

PAUL ALSUP Chief Criminal Deputy

BRENDA S. USREY Chief Civil Deputy

March 12, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

#### DearSir:

I am the sheriff of Winn Parish. My office recognizes the critical broadband needs in Winn Parish. We fully support this application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program. It will provide funding for needed broadband access in Winn Parish that will not be available without the support of NTIA funding.

This upgraded Internet access will be very beneficial for economic development. Internet access will be very valuable for all of the critical facilities in Winn Parish, as well as local businesses and residents. The public safety entities in Winn Parish will be able to provide a much safer environment for the community.

Your support of this application is appreciated..

Sincerely

A. D. Little Sheriff Winn Parish

# Winn Parish School Board

Stebe Bartlett, Superintendent

POST OFFICE DRAWER 430 304 EAST COURT STREET WINNFIELD, LOUISIANA 71483-0430 PHONE: (318) 628-693 FAX: (318) 628-258 http://www.winnpsb.org

March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

As superintendent of schools in Winn Parish, I fully support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions in Winn Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes along Highway 167 in North Louisiana. This joint effort between government and business will promote economic development throughout the North Louisiana parishes that will be provided improved broadband service. It will enhance educational opportunities for the students we serve in Winn Parish.

The Winn Parish School District supports this application to provide improved Internet service.

Sincerely,

Steve Bartlett

Superintendent of Schools

Winn Parish



Phone: (318) 628-4342 or 3815 FAX: (318) 628-7768

# HUEY P. LONG CAMPUS AND ROD BRADY EXTENSION

304 South Jones Street Winnfield, Louisiana 71483-3599

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

The Huey P. Long Memorial Louisiana Technical College located at 303 South Jones Street, Winnfield, Louisiana supports this application. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project is needed in this rural region. It will be a great resource for the entire region. It will support economic development that in turn will create jobs that will benefit the students enrolled in our vocational programs. There is a need for upgraded broadband service in this rural parish. It will also benefit the other anchor institutions that support the citizens of the parish.

Thank you for considering this application. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Danny Keyes

Louisiana Technical College Huey P. Long Memorial March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Winn Parish Public Library supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application for the second round of BTOP funding. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for Winn Parish in North Louisiana. This combined effort of this government entity and private business will enhance economic development throughout this part of the state. It will improve the services that Winn Parish Public Library can offer.

The Winn Parish Public Library supports this application. Thank you for your consideration of this much needed resource.

Sincerely, Mary Soherty

Mary Doherty

Winn Parish Public Library

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Winnfield is the parish seat of Winn Parish. The Town of Winnfield wholeheartedly supports this application to provide improved broadband Internet service. Broadband access is critical to economic development in this region. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application is a collaborative effort between the Louisiana Board of Regents, a public agency, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company. This public-private endeavor is a positive initiative for the State of Louisiana.

When funded, this grant will provide enhanced broadband service to rural parishes located along highway 167. It will be the stimulus needed to promote economic development in this region.

Thank you for your support of this application. This support is appreciated.

Sincerely

Ronald Goff Mayor Town of Winnfield

#### POLICE TURY OF UNION PARISH

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DISTRICT 1

CHARLES SAWYER P.O. BOX 679 PARMERVILLE, LA 71341

March 24, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information

**DISTRICT 2** LANNY PARKER 276 MINA PARKER BOAD MARION, LA 71269

National Telecommunications & Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

DISTRICT 3 A.J. SMITH 1248 WERSTER BLUFF EOAD FARMERVILLE, LA 71261

This letter is in support of bringing broadband service to Union Parish, LA. We understand that the Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and private companies are applying for benefits under the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program that will help with the financing to deploy broadband in rural and underserved areas.

DISTRICT 4 JOHNNY BUCKLEY 13784 HWY 3 HERNECE, LA 71332 TEX., 285-7136

Broadband access will help our communities to improve education and job training, two crucial areas of importance to our parish. In addition, broadband access will allow members of our communities to have fast access to the same information on health, jobs, and other topics that citizens in urban areas enjoy.

DISTRICT 5 **JERRY RUGG** 390 WELLS ROAD DOWNSVILLE, LA 71234

We think that broadband access is important and hope that Comprehensive Community Infrastructure funds will help provide broadband service to our entire parish.

DISTRICT 6 **ALVIN ALLEN** 1919 SWEET LILLIE ROAD MAHEON, LA 71260

Sincerely,

DISTRICT 7 VERGIL RAMSEY 510 DE LOUTHE SWITCH ROAD PARMERVILLE, LA 71241 TEL. 368-3434

Johnny Buckley President

DISTRICT 8 DON ACREE 9371 HWY 148 FARMERVILLE, LA 71241 TEL 736-8487

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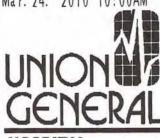
Thank you for your support of this grant application.

Sincerely

William Farr

Louisiana Technical College

North Central Area Farmerville Campus



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March 9, 2010

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The Union General Hospital located at 901 James Avenue in Farmerville, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Enalyn Ormond, CEO

Sincerely,



#### D'Arbonne Woods Charter School

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March 11, 2010

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Dear Mr. Strickling:

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School, located in Farmerville, Louisiana, supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to our charter school and to the other anchor institutions, businesses and residents of Union Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve seven parishes in North Louisiana. This partnership between government and business will stimulate much needed economic development in Union Parish.

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School will benefit from this project. We support this effort to provide high quality Internet access to this area of the state.

Your consideration of this application is appreciated.

Sincerely

Corie G. Williams

Principal

D'Arbonne Woods Charter School

## **Union Parish School Board**

Post Office Box 308 Farmerville, Louisiana 71241

Steve Dozier Superintendent

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March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project that will serve seven of the piney hills parishes in North Louisiana. Partnership between government and business, such as this created through this project, is what this state needs to build the economy.

It will benefit the children in our school district. I strongly encourage support of this project that will provide the basic infrastructure needed to upgrade Internet to our rural schools.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,

Steve Dozier

Superintendent of Schools

Union Parish

### **Union Parish School Board**

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology coordinator for Union Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Bowen

Technology Coordinator Union Parish School District



March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes in North Louisiana. As director of the Union Parish Public Library, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application. A successful effort by the Board of Regents, a governmental entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private business, to secure funding will promote economic development throughout this area of the state. It will provide a much needed resource for the anchor institutions in Union Parish

As director of the Union Parish Public Library, I support this grant application. Thank you for your consideration of this request. anie A. Hermann

Sincerely.

Stephanie A. Herrmann

Union Parish Public Library



OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

March 12, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

Louisiana Tech University supports this application. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project is needed in this rural region. It will enable students to enroll in online courses that are provided by our university. It will be a great resource for Louisiana Tech students that live throughout the region. This project will increase our enrollment and improve our current services. The project will expand job creation in this region of the state that needs to build the economy. It will support the anchor institutions that provide needed services.

Thank you for your support of this collaborative endeavor. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Leslie K. Guice

Vice President for Research & Development

#### Lincoln Parish School Board

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Otha L. Anders President

Danny L. Bel Superintenden

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling **Assistant Secretary** Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology coordinator for Lincoln Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely, Danda Mitchell

Wanda Mitchell

Technology Coordinator Lincoln Parish School District

#### Lincoln Parish School Board

410 S. Farmerville St. Ruston, LA 71270 Voice 318-255-1430 Fax 318-255-3203

Otha L. Anders President

Danny L. Bell Superintendent

March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As superintendent of schools in Lincoln Parish, I strongly support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve seven of the piney hills parishes in North Louisiana. This partnership between government and business will promote economic development in this region of the state.

The children in Lincoln Parish schools will benefit from this project. I strongly support this project to provide the infrastructure needed to upgrade Internet to schools.

Thank you for your positive review of this application.

Sincerely,

Danny Bell

Superintendent of Schools

Lincoln Parish

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Bethel Christian School, located at 2901 Winona Drive in Ruston, Louisiana, supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to make available broadband Internet service to our private school. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, have formed a partnership to submit a BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve parishes in North Central Louisiana. This endeavor will stimulate much needed economic development throughout the region.

The students attending Bethel Christian School will benefit from this project. We support getting high quality Internet access to this area of the state.

Thank you for your consideration of this application. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Nancy Stevenson Principal

Bethel Christian School



Jackson Parish Hospital "Partner

"Partners for Life"

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote the use of telemedicine in the hospitals in the region. It is a great resource for all of the anchor institutions that serve the rural communities. It will also spur much needed economic development.

The Jackson Parish Hospital located at 165 Beech Springs Road in Jonesboro, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

Lloyd Monger, Administrator Jackson Parish Hospital

### JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology supervisor for Jackson Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely,

Mike Staples
Technology Supervisor
Jackson Parish School District

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#### JACKSON PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions in Jackson Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes along Highway 167 in North Louisiana. This collaborative effort between government and business will promote economic development throughout the parishes that will be touched. It will improve educational opportunities for the students we serve in Jackson Parish.

The Jackson Parish School District supports this CCI application to provide improved Internet service to our area of the state. If this grant is funded, it will address a great need in this parish.

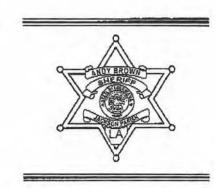
Sincerely,

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Wayne Alford Superintendent of Schools Jackson Parish

# Jackson Parish Sheriff's Department Andy Brown, Sheriff

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As Sheriff of Jackson Parish, I support this application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program that will provide funding for much needed broadband service to the Jackson Parish community.

This upgraded Internet access will be very helpful for my office. It will also prove to be very valuable for our schools, hospitals, businesses, local governments and residences. It will be very beneficial to all public safety agencies in Jackson Parish and will provide a much safer environment.

Your support of this application is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Andy Brown, Sheriff



Jackson Parish Library

614 South Polk Avenue JONESBORO, LOUISIANA 71251

March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As Director of the Jackson Parish Library, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) application. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband internet connectivity for Jackson Parish in north Louisiana. The effort of this government entity and private business to secure funding will ultimately promote economic development throughout this part of the state. It will improve the services that anchor institutions, such as the Jackson Parish Library, can offer to the public.

The Jackson Parish Library strongly supports this CCI application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Robin M. Toms Library Director



## Winn Parish Sheriff's Department

#### A.D. "Bodie" LITTLE Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector

P. O. Box 950 Winnfield, LA 71483 Phone: (318) 628-4611

PAUL ALSUP Chief Criminal Deputy

BRENDA S. USREY Chief Civil Deputy

March 12, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

#### DearSir:

I am the sheriff of Winn Parish. My office recognizes the critical broadband needs in Winn Parish. We fully support this application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program. It will provide funding for needed broadband access in Winn Parish that will not be available without the support of NTIA funding.

This upgraded Internet access will be very beneficial for economic development. Internet access will be very valuable for all of the critical facilities in Winn Parish, as well as local businesses and residents. The public safety entities in Winn Parish will be able to provide a much safer environment for the community.

Your support of this application is appreciated..

A. D. Little Sheriff Winn Parish

# Winn Parish School Board

Stebe Bartlett, Superintendent

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

As superintendent of schools in Winn Parish, I fully support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools and other anchor institutions in Winn Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes along Highway 167 in North Louisiana. This joint effort between government and business will promote economic development throughout the North Louisiana parishes that will be provided improved broadband service. It will enhance educational opportunities for the students we serve in Winn Parish.

The Winn Parish School District supports this application to provide improved Internet service.

Sincerely,

Steve Bartlett

Superintendent of Schools

Winn Parish



Phone: (318) 628-4342 or 3815 FAX: (318) 628-7768

# HUEY P. LONG CAMPUS AND ROD BRADY EXTENSION

304 South Jones Street Winnfield, Louisiana 71483-3599

March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

The Huey P. Long Memorial Louisiana Technical College located at 303 South Jones Street, Winnfield, Louisiana supports this application. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project is needed in this rural region. It will be a great resource for the entire region. It will support economic development that in turn will create jobs that will benefit the students enrolled in our vocational programs. There is a need for upgraded broadband service in this rural parish. It will also benefit the other anchor institutions that support the citizens of the parish.

Thank you for considering this application. Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Danny Keyes

Louisiana Technical College Huey P. Long Memorial March 10, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Winn Parish Public Library supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application for the second round of BTOP funding. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for Winn Parish in North Louisiana. This combined effort of this government entity and private business will enhance economic development throughout this part of the state. It will improve the services that Winn Parish Public Library can offer.

The Winn Parish Public Library supports this application. Thank you for your consideration of this much needed resource.

Sincerely,

Mary Doherty

Winn Parish Public Library

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of commerce

#### Dear Mr. Strickling:

Winnfield is the parish seat of Winn Parish. The Town of Winnfield wholeheartedly supports this application to provide improved broadband Internet service. Broadband access is critical to economic development in this region. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application is a collaborative effort between the Louisiana Board of Regents, a public agency, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company. This public-private endeavor is a positive initiative for the State of Louisiana.

When funded, this grant will provide enhanced broadband service to rural parishes located along highway 167. It will be the stimulus needed to promote economic development in this region.

Thank you for your support of this application. This support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Ronald Goff Mayor

Town of Winnfield



P.O. Box 152 301 W. Boundary Street Winnfield, LA 71483

FAX (318) 628-2035/Phone (318) 648-3000

March 9, 2010.

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote the use of telemedicine in the hospitals in the region. It is a great resource for all of the anchor institutions that serve the rural communities. It will also spur much needed economic development.

The Winn Parish Medical Center located at 301 West Boundary Avenue in Winnfield, Louisiana supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant.

Sincerely,

Marvin DeLong President

Sheila S. Jackson Superintendent

**GPSB** 

Randy Browning Vice-President

#### Grant Parish School Board

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Grant Parish Schools wholeheartedly support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to anchor institutions in Grant Parish. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for Grant Parish along Highway 167 in North Central Louisiana. This joint effort between government and business will promote economic development throughout the North Louisiana parishes that will be provided improved broadband service. It will enhance educational opportunities for the students we serve in Grant Parish.

The Grant Parish School District fully supports this application. Your positive support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Superintendent of Schools

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Grant Parish

Aldermen: Lourain Lacour Sonny Tyler Alan Futrell Lorraine Sapp Cora Reed

# Town of Colfax

"Home of the Louisiana Pecan Festival"

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Gerald Hamilton
Town Clerk:
Donna Tyler
Town Attorney:
Numa V. Metoyer, III

March 18, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Colfax, the parish seat of Grant Parish, supports this cooperative broadband effort. This project to provide broadband Internet service to seven parishes along Hwy.167 is vitally needed to support economic development. High speed Internet access is a vital resource needed to support economic development in rural areas that have few resources. This Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application is a collaborative effort between the Louisiana Board of Regents, a public agency, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company. This public-private endeavor will stimulate the economy in this rural part of the state.

This grant to provide broadband service to rural parishes located along highway 167 is needed, if we are to see improvement in the economy. It will touch public agencies, local businesses and local residents.

Thank you for supporting this application.

Sincerely,

Gerald Hamilton

Mayor

Town of Colfax



GARLAND McCRACKEN

District 1, Montgomery, Louisiana

JIMMY BRYANT District 2, Colfax, Louisiana

TOM HAMILTON District 3, Colfax, Louisiana

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## Grant Parish Police Jury

200 Main Street - Courthouse Building Colfax, Louisiana 71417 Telephone: 318-627-3157 Fax: 318-487-5755



DONNIE BROWN
District 5, Bentley, Louisiana

LLOYD KIRTLAND District 6, Pollock, Louisiana

LUCAS LaCOUR District 7, Dry Prong, Louisiana

ROY EDWARDS District 8, Georgetown, Louisiana

March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote economic development in the rural parishes when broadband Internet access becomes available. Broadband is a critically needed resource for the anchor institutions that serve our rural communities.

The Grant Parish Police Jury, the local fire departments, homeland security, water districts, as well as town and village governments supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your kind review of this grant.

Sincerely,

President

James Bregat

Grant Parish Police Jury

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#### BIENVILLE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE

JOHN E. BALLANCE SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

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March 11, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Bienville Parish Sheriff's Office is strongly supporting this NTIA application to secure funding for broadband internet for Bienville Parish. Without funding through the Broadband Technology Opportunity Program, it would not be possible for Bienville Parish to secure this level of broadband service.

This project will provide local businesses, residents, schools, hospitals, libraries, and other local government agencies with many benefits. The public safety agencies in Bienville Parish will be able to provide a higher quality of service to the people they serve. Being able to communicate with other safety agencies is a vital resource for the community.

Your support of this application for BTOP broadband funding is appreciated.

Sincerely,

John Ballance

Sheriff

Bienville Parish

JEB/mt

**Board Members** 

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Bienville Parish School Board

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology Supervisor for Bienville Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems. Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely.

Tony Hough

Technology Supervisor

Bienville Parish School District



#### BIENVILLE PARISH LIBRARY

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March 8, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling Assistant Secretary Communications and Information National Telecommunications and Information Administration Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems. Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for Bienville Parish located in North Louisiana. I am the director of the Bienville Parish Public Library. We support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide broadband service. A successful effort by the Board of Regents, a governmental entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private business, to secure funding will stimulate economic development throughout Bienville Parish. It will provide a much needed resource for local businesses and residents of Bienville Parish.

Thank you for your consideration of this grant application.

Sincerely.

Bienville Parish Public Library

Scott Davidson President

Dwayne R. Woodard Secretary-Treasurer

# Claiborne Parish Police Jury

P.O. Box 270 Homer, Louisiana 71040-0270 318-927-2222 318-927-2727 fax

March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide enhanced broadband service to seven parishes located in North Central Louisiana.

This project will promote economic development in the rural parishes when broadband Internet access becomes available. Broadband is a critically needed resource for the anchor institutions that serve our rural communities.

The Claiborne Parish Police Jury, the local fire departments, homeland security, water districts, as well as town and village governments supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your kind review of this grant.

Sincerely,

CLAIBORNE PARISH POLICE JURY

Dwayne K. Woodard

Secretary-Treasurer

#### **CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD**

Post Office Box 600 415 East Main Homer, Louisiana 71040-0600 Phone: (318) 927-3502 Fax: (318) 927-9184

March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am the technology coordinator for Claiborne Parish Schools. The Louisiana Board of Regents, a government entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private company, are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide upgraded broadband Internet connectivity for the school districts in this region of Louisiana.

I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application.

Thank you for your consideration for funding of this grant.

Sincerely,

Janet Holland

Technology Coordinator

Claiborne Parish School District

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#### STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF CLAIBORNE

TOWN OF HOMER

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March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Historical Homer is the parish seat of Claiborne Parish. Having access to upgraded broadband Internet service in North Central Louisiana will be a wonderful resource for this area of the state. The Town of Homer supports this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure-Broadband Technology Opportunity Program application to provide upgraded broadband service to the seven rural parishes named in this grant application. The collaborative effort between the Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. will help stimulate the economy. Economic development is a needed in this rural area of the state. Having access to broadband service is a step in the right direction.

This project will provide the infrastructure needed for improved broadband services to the public entities, the businesses and the residents of Claiborne Parish. Improved communication between public safety groups will result in a safer environment.

This project is vitally needed. Thank you for your support.

Incerely,

David M\_Newell

Mayor

Town of Homer

# Claiborne Parish Public Library 909 Edgewood Drive Homer, La 71040

March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. are submitting a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will provide broadband Internet connectivity for parishes in North Louisiana. As director of the Claiborne Parish Public Library, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide broadband service. A successful effort by this governmental entity, and Nexus Systems, Inc., a private business, to secure funding will promote economic development throughout Claiborne Parish. It will provide a much needed resource for the people of Claiborne Parish. As a public library one of our missions is to provide free lifelong learning resources for the entire parish, having this infrastructure in place will help us fulfill this vital service.

We as a public library are in total support of this importnat grant application. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pamela Suggs

Claiborne Parish Public Library

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# KEN BAILEY CLAIBORNE PARISH SHERIFF



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March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistance Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Sir:

The Claiborne Parish sheriff's office is supporting this application to secure funding for broadband internet for Claiborne Parish. Funding through the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunity Program, will enable Claiborne Parish to secure a level of broadband service that would not be possible any other way.

This project will enable educational agencies, hospitals, libraries, businesses, residents and local governments to obtain high quality internet service. The public safety agencies in Claiborne Parish will be able to better serve the people. This will be a wonderful resource for the entire parish.

Thank you for supporting this application for broadband funding. It is appreciated.

Sincerely

Ken Bailey

Sheriff

Claiborne Parish

#### CLAIBORNE PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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March 23, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce

Dear Mr. Strickling:

As superintendent of the Claiborne Parish School District, I support this Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application to provide upgraded Internet service to schools in my district. The Louisiana Board of Regents and Nexus Systems, Inc. have formed a partnership to submit a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application that will serve seven parishes in North Louisiana. This partnership between government and business is will help build the economy and improve educational opportunities in this region of the state.

The entire region will benefit from improved broadband access. I strongly support this project to provide the infrastructure in this region of the state.

Your positive consideration of this application is appreciated.

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Janice Williams, PhD

Superintendent of Schools

Clatborne Parish

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