

BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Project Plan and Build-out Timeline

Please complete the Project Plan and Build-out Timeline templates below. Note that these templates may be modified by applicants in order to provide the most effective presentation of the data for their specific project. Applicants should ensure, however, that they provide at least as much detail as the provided templates require.

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PROJECT PLAN

- Use the following table to list the major network build-out phases and milestones that can demonstrate that your entire project will be substantially complete by the end of Year 2 and fully complete by the end of Year 3. This is to be done at the aggregate level (combining all proposed funded service areas.)
- Indicated how the milestones listed below will demonstrate these completion objectives. The applicant should consider such project areas as: a) network design; b) securing all relevant licenses and agreements; c) site preparation; d) inside plant deployment; e) outside plan deployment; f) deployment of business & operational support systems; g) network testing; f) network operational. The applicant may provide any other milestones that it believes showcase progress.
- Project inception (Year 0) starts at the date when the applicant receives notice that the project has been approved for funding.
- In the table, provide any information (e.g., facts, analysis) to: a) demonstrate the reasonableness of these milestones; b) substantiate the ability to reach the milestones by the quarters indicated.

Time Period	Quarter	Milestones	Support for Reasonableness/Data Points
Year 0	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding Award
Year 1	Qtr. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail Engineer of project • Stake project • Begin Right of way applications. • Begin additional environmental reports • Begin additional Budgeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Right of way applications and environmental reports cannot begin until project is staked
	Qtr. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete detail staking • Complete and Acquire Permits • Finalize Additional Budgeting • Bid Out Central Office Equipment • Bid Outside Plant construction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidding cannot start until permits are acquired
	Qtr. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Award Outside Plant Construction Bid • Order Materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials cannot be ordered until after bid
	Qtr. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue ordering materials • Begin Outside Plant Construction • Award Central Office Equipment Bid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction cannot start until materials arrive
Year 2	Qtr. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Beginning acceptance Testing of completed Outside Plant • Begin installing Central Office Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation and Testing cannot begin until materials arrive
	Qtr. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Beginning acceptance Testing of completed Outside Plant Construction • Continue installing Central Office Equipment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Begin acceptance Testing of Central Office Equipment • Start providing services to customers. 	
	Qtr. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Continue acceptance Testing on Outside Plant Construction • Continue installing Central Office Equipment • Continue providing services to customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete • Customers will come online as construction and installation is complete
	Qtr. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Continue installing Central Office Equipment • Continue acceptance Testing on Outside Plant Construction • Continue acceptance Testing of Central Office Equipment • Continue providing services to customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete • Customers will come online as construction and installation is complete
Year 3	Qtr. 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Continue installing Central Office Equipment • Continue acceptance Testing on Outside Plant Construction • Continue acceptance Testing of Central Office Equipment • Continue providing services to customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete • Customers will come online as construction and installation is complete
	Qtr. 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue Outside Plant Construction • Continue installing Central Office Equipment • Continue acceptance Testing on Outside Plant Construction • Continue acceptance Testing of Central Office Equipment • Continue providing services to customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete • Customers will come online as construction and installation is complete
	Qtr. 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue acceptance Testing on Outside Plant Construction • Continue acceptance Testing of Central Office Equipment • Continue providing services to customers • Begin Closing Documents 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and installation will take several months • Some construction and installation should be complete • Customers will come online as construction and installation is complete
	Qtr. 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Closing Document. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All construction and installation complete

BUILD-OUT TIMELINE

Complete the following schedule for *each* Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Area to note the degree of build-out, based on: a) infrastructure funds awarded; b) entities passed (households, businesses, and community anchor institutions.). In addition, please complete a schedule that aggregates the build-out timeline across all of the Proposed Funded Service Area.

Service Area	Region 18												
	YEAR 0	YEAR 1				YEAR 2				YEAR 3			
		Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4	Qtr. 1	Qtr. 2	Qtr. 3	Qtr. 4
Infrastructure Funds													
Infrastructure Funds Advanced (estimate)	173075	1038453	1730754	2076905	1730754	1903830	1730754	1730754	1384604	1211528	1038453	856377	692302
Percentage of Total Funds	1	6	10	12	10	11	10	10	8	7	6	5	4
Entities Passed & %													
Households	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95
Percentage of Total Households	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95
Businesses	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95
Percentage of Total Businesses	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95
Community Anchor Institutions	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95
Percentage of Total Institutions	0	0	0	0	10	25	30	50	65	75	85	90	95

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

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

3/24/2010

Date



Authorized Organization Representative Signature

John Thomas

Print Name

Executive Director

Title

BUDGET INFORMATION - Construction Programs

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NOTE: Certain Federal assistance programs require additional computations to arrive at the Federal share of project costs eligible for participation. If such is the case, you will be notified.

COST CLASSIFICATION	a. Total Cost	b. Costs Not Allowable for Participation	c. Total Allowable Costs (Columns a-b)
1. Administrative and legal expenses	\$ 1,285,000.00	\$	\$ 1,285,000.00
2. Land, structures, rights-of-way, appraisals, etc.	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
3. Relocation expenses and payments	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
4. Architectural and engineering fees	\$ 1,531,983.00	\$	\$ 1,531,983.00
5. Other architectural and engineering fees	\$ 850,000.00	\$	\$ 850,000.00
6. Project inspection fees	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
7. Site work	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
8. Demolition and removal	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
9. Construction	\$ 11,609,561.00	\$	\$ 11,609,561.00
10. Equipment	\$ 2,031,000.00	\$	\$ 2,031,000.00
11. Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
12. SUBTOTAL (sum of lines 1- 11)	\$ 17,307,544.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,307,544.00
13. Contingencies	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
14. SUBTOTAL	\$ 17,307,544.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,307,544.00
15. Project (program) income	\$ 0.00	\$	\$ 0.00
16. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS (subtract #15 from #14)	\$ 17,307,544.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 17,307,544.00
FEDERAL FUNDING			
17. Federal assistance requested, calculate as follows: (Consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share.) Enter the resulting Federal share.			Enter eligible costs from line 16c Multiply X <input type="text"/> % \$ <input type="text"/>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE SF-424C

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This sheet is to be used for the following types of applications: (1) "New" (means a new [previously unfunded] assistance award); (2) "Continuation" (means funding in a succeeding budget period which stemmed from a prior agreement to fund); and (3) "Revised" (means any changes in the Federal Government's financial obligations or contingent liability from an existing obligation). If there is no change in the award amount, there is no need to complete this form. Certain Federal agencies may require only an explanatory letter to effect minor (no cost) changes. If you have questions, please contact the Federal agency.

Column a. - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter the total estimated cost of each of the items listed on lines 1 through 16 (as applicable) under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the eligible amounts *approved under the previous award* for the items under "COST CLASSIFICATION."

Column b. - If this is an application for a "New" project, enter that portion of the cost of each item in Column a. which is *not* allowable for Federal assistance. Contact the Federal agency for assistance in determining the allowability of specific costs.

If this application entails a change to an existing award, enter the adjustment [+ or (-)] to the previously approved costs (from column a.) reflected in this application.

Column. - This is the net of lines 1 through 16 in columns "a." and "b."

Line 1 - Enter estimated amounts needed to cover administrative expenses. Do not include costs which are related to the normal functions of government. Allowable legal costs are generally only those associated with the purchases of land which is allowable for Federal participation and certain services in support of construction of the project.

Line 2 - Enter estimated site and right(s)-of-way acquisition costs (this includes purchase, lease, and/or easements).

Line 3 - Enter estimated costs related to relocation advisory assistance, replacement housing, relocation payments to displaced persons and businesses, etc.

Line 4 - Enter estimated basic engineering fees related to construction (this includes start-up services and preparation of project performance work plan).

Line 5 - Enter estimated engineering costs, such as surveys, tests, soil borings, etc.

Line 6 - Enter estimated engineering inspection costs.

Line 7 - Enter estimated costs of site preparation and restoration which are not included in the basic construction contract.

Line 9 - Enter estimated cost of the construction contract.

Line 10 - Enter estimated cost of office, shop, laboratory, safety equipment, etc. to be used at the facility, if such costs are not included in the construction contract.

Line 11 - Enter estimated miscellaneous costs.

Line 12 - Total of items 1 through 11.

Line 13 - Enter estimated contingency costs. (Consult the Federal agency for the percentage of the estimated construction cost to use.)

Line 14 - Enter the total of lines 12 and 13.

Line 15 - Enter estimated program income to be earned during the grant period, e.g., salvaged materials, etc.

Line 16 - Subtract line 15 from line 14.

Line 17 - This block is for the computation of the Federal share. Multiply the total allowable project costs from line 16, column "c." by the Federal percentage share (this may be up to 100 percent; consult Federal agency for Federal percentage share) and enter the product on line 17.

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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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.

*SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	*TITLE Connect Southwest Texas 1,285,000.00
*APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Region 18 Education Service Center	*DATE SUBMITTED 3/25/2010 1,285,000.00

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Midland College

Office of the President

March 5, 2010

Jim Collett
Director of State/Federal Initiatives and Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
Midland, TX 79711

Dear Mr. Collett:

This letter is to pledge the support of Midland College for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for which Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18 ESC) is submitting a proposal.

Midland College is a comprehensive public community college dedicated to educational excellence that sustains a life-long quest for knowledge. The College serves the diverse learning communities of its region by providing a range of flexible programs from community service and enrichment to the baccalaureate degree. While Midland College's taxing district is restricted to Midland County, our service area also includes the rural, remote Pecos, Reagan, Crockett, and Terrell Counties where Midland College operates several small outreach centers.

The most active of these remote outreach centers is the Williams Regional Technology Training Center (WRTTC) in Fort Stockton where each semester approximately 350 students attend courses to earn credentials in up to thirteen different technical areas ranging from Automotive Master Technician, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counseling, and Business Administration to Criminal Justice, Computer Networking, and Vocational Nursing. Current credentials that may be earned include:

- college credits that transfer to four-year institutions;
- workforce training certificates that document employment skills; or
- associate degrees in a variety of career and technical fields of study.

Approximately 130 of the WRTTC's students participate in Interactive Video Conferencing (IVC) courses each semester. Ideally, IVC course broadcasts transmit interactively to-and-from one of three rooms on Midland College's main campus and one of three classrooms at the WRTTC is 109 miles away in Fort Stockton. However, aging equipment has rendered one room at each location so unreliable as to be unusable. In addition, technology advances have rendered interaction between old and new equipment difficult, if not impossible.

Informal estimates at the WRTTC in Fort Stockton indicate that as many as 180 *additional* college or high school students could be served if technology updates were made to allow full utilization of the existing IVC rooms, and an additional room was IVC-equipped at WRTTC. This would also allow Midland College to expand its current course offerings by:

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Midland College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award certificates and associate and baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Midland College.

- expanding the Energy Technology Program for adults;
- expanding offerings for high school dual enrollment students to include the Energy Technology and Gaming certificates, for example;
- adding readily available access to the Bachelor of Applied Technology degree;
- adding a Medication Aide program to allow Certified Nurse's Aides (CNAs) to upgrade their skills;
- increasing the number of nursing students admitted to Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) and Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) programs in Fort Stockton; and
- providing local IVC access for interactive meetings, seminars, and licensure or certification refreshers needed by healthcare, law enforcement, and other government, corporate, and professional groups.

The Lonestar Education and Research Network (LEARN) is a project specifically designed to deliver advanced network capabilities to underserved Texas communities. LEARN makes it easy for the students, faculty, and staff of schools, universities, community colleges, libraries, and others to connect to hubs at the specific bandwidth required. Midland College needs the following to expand course offerings at the WRTTC, access the LEARN network, and assure equipment reliability:

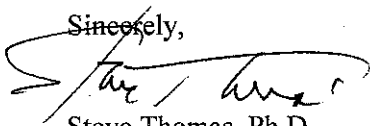
- Upgrade IVC capability in an existing room at the WRTTC in Fort Stockton (\$80,000 estimated turnkey cost).
- Add IVC capability to an additional room (currently non-IVC) at the WRTTC in Fort Stockton (\$80,000 estimated turnkey cost).
- Upgrade IVC capability in the existing IVC room at the Midland College Main campus to be compatible with new technology (\$80,000 estimated turnkey cost).
- Increase the current 45 Mb Commodity Internet access to a 100 Mb service with an additional 100 Mb Internet II access (\$4,000 per month subscription).
- Access 1GbE "Wavenet" to "Layer 3" service hub in Dallas/Houston (\$2,200 per month subscription fee plus the (as yet undetermined) connection fee and electronics).
- Access 1GbE "Last Mile" circuit to Midland LEARN point of presence (POP) (\$1,500 per month subscription fee).

Especially in this year of allocation cuts and budget shortfalls, these expensive purchases and subscriptions are not within Midland College's financial capability. In fact, Midland College must state specifically that we cannot and will not contribute any money or in-kind assets to this project. However, we are committed to increasing our training opportunities such that the number of students by who benefit from the BTOP funds at will increase over the life of the grant.

The purpose of the BTOP, as stated in the Federal Register, is to provide "grants for deploying broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas..." Certainly, Midland College's WRTTC serves such an area as best it is able with its dated technology and limited equipment. Midland College hopes to provide a much improved, high quality broadband service if Region 18 ESC is successful in securing funds for the benefit of all participants.

If additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (432) 685-4520 or via email at steve@midland.edu.

Sincerely,



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President

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March 2, 2010

Jim Collett
Director of State/Federal Initiatives and Technology
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Dear Mr. Collett,

Odessa College is pleased to support the Region 18 Service Center in its bid for a BTOP grant. The College has a long history of working with Region 18 as a carrier for our two-way video distance education classes and web based classes.

Odessa College is a leading provider of skilled personnel for the west Texas area. The College offers degrees or certificates in nursing, welding, electronics, occupational safety and many others including many university parallel courses. The College is expanding the number and types of courses available online in order to create additional access to our service area.

Students will benefit from increased bandwidth in that the College would be able to offer increased and diversified training opportunities. We are especially interested in high speed connectivity to our extension centers in Pecos, Andrews and Monahans; currently, these extension sites are serviced by T1 connectivity.

In addition, the College is willing to designate ongoing payment for high speed connectivity by using funds currently allocated for existing connectivity to our sites.

Once again, Odessa College is pleased to support Region 18 in your efforts to secure a BTOP grant. If I may be of service, please do not hesitate to contact me at 432-335-6815.

Sincerely,



Tanya Hughes, Ed. D.
Chief of Staff



COUNTY OF BREWSTER

Val Beard, County Judge

P.O. Drawer 1630 • Alpine, Texas 79831 • 432-837-2412 • Fax: 432-837-1127
email: val.beard@co.brewster.tx.us

March 16, 2010


To whom it may concern:

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Respectfully,

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Val Clark Beard

Prefix:
First Name: Val
Middle Name: Clark
Last Name: Beard
Suffix:
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Organization: Brewster County Courthouse
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Signature: 

COUNTY OF HOWARD

Mark J. Barr, *County Judge*

300 Main, Room 207 * Big Spring, Texas 79720 * 432-264-2202 * Fax: 432-264-2206

Email: mark.barr@co.howard.tx.us

March 16, 2010

As Howard County Judge, I support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our county will receive several technology benefits from this effort, including the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to provide our staff with enhanced web content and videoconferencing as well as other community members in our area better health care and service.

Sincerely,


MARK J. BARR
Howard County Judge

Prefix:
First Name: MARK
Middle Name: James
Last Name: BARR
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Title: Howard Co, Judge
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COUNTY OF HOWARD

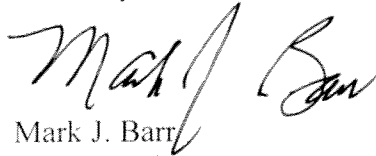
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Mark J. Barr
County Judge
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Mark J. Barr
County Judge
Howard County



SKEET LEE JONES
Loving County Judge

P. O. Box 193 • 100 North Dallas Street • Mentone, Texas 79754 • Phone: 432-377-2362 • Fax: 432-377-2701 • Cell: [REDACTED]

November 10, 2009

Re: Frontier Project Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Loving County Commissioners Court wholeheartedly supports the Frontier Project Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Skeet Lee Jones".

Skeet Jones
Loving County Judge



MARTIN COUNTY

P.O. BOX 1330 915 756-2231
STANTON, TEXAS 79782

OFFICE OF
COUNTY JUDGE

March 24, 2010

Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
P.O. Box 60660
Midland, TX 79711

Re: Request for Broadband Technology Opportunities

To Whom It May Concern,

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Respectfully yours,


Corky Blocker, Martin County Judge



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TERRI MOORE
Executive Director

March 17, 2010

U.S. Department of Commerce

To Whom It May Concern

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, representing the chief elected officials of the region hereby gives support for the Region 18 Education Center, Midland, Texas, application to the U.S. Department of Commerce for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funds on behalf of a multi-county region, including the Permian Basin.

The proposed project contained in the application addresses the need to provide and/or expand a broadband technology infrastructure to insure the underserved citizens of the region have access to tele-medicine, public library access, on-line job search tools, long distance learning, web-based business, as well as the expanded capacity to receive immediate response from health and safety agencies.

In the previous six months, multiple representatives of our jurisdictions led by Region 18 Education Service Center, local governments, private business, education, workforce development, law enforcement, health and economic development cooperated in designing a broadband infrastructure system which will insure citizens in the most distressed rural areas have the infrastructure necessary to advance their lives and their communities. The need for improvement in services to these populations is critical for their community's survival.

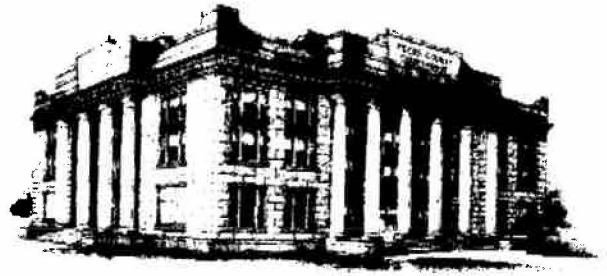
The designated administering agency, Region 18 Education Service Center is a highly qualified organization in this region. The leadership of the agency is well respected and highly regarded, and I am confident they will perform exceptionally well in administering the project.

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission hereby commits to support and assist in the implementation of the project.

Sincerely,

Terri Moore
Executive Director

TM/ck



Fort Stockton, Texas 79735

JOE SHUSTER

County Judge
103 W. Callaghan
Phones:
(432)336-2792 & 336-8724
FAX (432)336-6640

March 8, 2010

PAM HARRIS
Administrative Assistant

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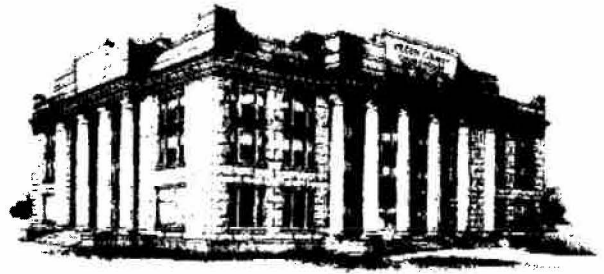
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Joe Shuster
County Judge
Pecos County, Texas

County
of Pecos



Fort Stockton, Texas 79735



JOE SHUSTER

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Sincerely,

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Joe Shuster

County Judge

Pecos County, Texas

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Last Name:	Shuster
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Signature:	
Date:	March 16, 2010



YOLANDA LOPEZ
Commissioner Pct. 1
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Commissioner Pct. 2

CHARLES STEGALL
Commissioner Pct. 3
KENN NORRIS
Commissioner Pct. 4

P.O. Box 4810
Sanderson, Texas 79848

LEO C. SMITH JR.
Terrell County Judge

Phone 432/345-2421
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March 16, 2010

U.S. Dept of Commerce

RE: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Grant

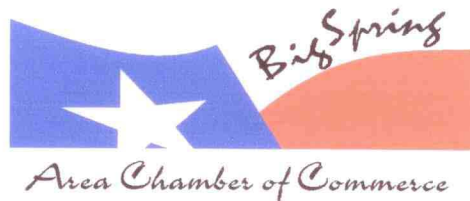
Terrell County, Texas is located in a unique area which brings about the need to find ways of communicating with the "outside world". Our nearest town for shopping is 64 miles one way. Thus the need for Broadband Technology is of great importance here.

As a local government agency, we support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Technology benefits for our residents would include the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. We have a Rural Clinic here as well as an EMS Service that would benefit greatly from these technologies. Being able to update certifications from here would not only save time of driving for these classes but also keep our emergency personnel in the county where they are needed. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and videoconferencing as well as providing other community members in our area better service and support.

Sincerely,

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Leo Smith, Terrell County Judge for
Terrell County Commissioners Court



March 16, 2010

To whom it may concern;

As Executive Director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for Big Spring and Howard County, we support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant.

The Chamber will receive several technology benefits from this effort, including the possibility of two-way interactive video-conferencing for distance chamber to chamber networking and further our leadership skills program through video-conferencing guest speakers. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to provide our staff with enhanced web content and video-conferencing as well as other community members in our area will allow for better communication networking from business to business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra A. ValVerde".

Debra A. ValVerde, IOM
Executive Director

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce

P.O. Box 1391 • Big Spring, TX 79721-1391 • 215 West 3rd • (432)263-7641 • Fax (432) 264-9111
www.bigspringchamber.com

Prefix:	Mrs.	
First Name:	Debra (Debbie)	
Middle Name:	A.	
Last Name:	Val Verde	
Suffix:		
Title:	Executive Director	
Organization:	Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce	
Project Role:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> Sub-recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Third party in-kind contributor	
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Signature:	Debra (Debbie) A. Val Verde	
Date:	March 16, 2010	



March 16, 2010

To whom it may concern,

As an Economic Development Corporation, we support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our efforts to attract new business would benefit from this effort. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to better market our community to prospective businesses. Industry and business require sophisticated telecommunications capability and this upgrade will greatly enhance our ability to compete with larger metropolitan areas.


Sincerely,

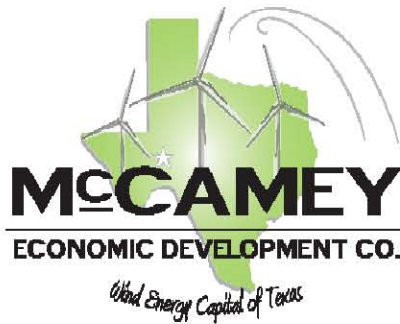
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Terry Wegman

Executive Director

Big Spring Economic Development Corporation

Prefix: Mr.		
First Name: Terry		
Middle Name:		
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Suffix:		
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Signature: 		
Date: 3-16-10		



Virginia Belew
P.O. Box 60660
Midland, TX 79711

Dear Virginia,

As a local government agency, we support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our agency will receive several technology benefits from this effort, including the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and videoconferencing as well as providing other community members in our area better service and support

Sincerely,

Alicia Sanchez
MEDC Director



Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission

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TERRI MOORE
Executive Director

March 16, 2010

U.S. Department of Commerce

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the Region 18 Education Service Center's efforts to secure U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funding on behalf of this region.

The Permian Basin workforce development community comprised of Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission Workforce Solutions staff, Permian Basin Workforce Board professionals, education, training institutions and economic development institutions cooperate to address the economic recovery needs of the region. This is accomplished primarily through multiple initiatives involving job creation, job retention and job expansion. The success in recruiting new industry and in expanding entrepreneurship opportunities is based on many factors, with the broadband infrastructure remaining a major pre-requisite.

The development of broadband technology and internet connectivity are critical for the more rural counties which remain the most economically distressed areas of the region. It is evident in this profession that our region's rural areas continue to suffer from the outward migration of workers. Employers continue to express the need for workforce and youth population retention in order for their business survival.

The rural population must have the capacity to access on-line education classes, job training and employer job listings in WorkinTexas.com, the Texas web-based job matching system, in order to experience the benefits of our regional economy. As the Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin system has made great investments in the development of on-line services, it is dependent on the regional planning organizations' efforts to insure the resources are secured to enable all citizens to have the necessary technology.

In addition, as systems for higher education long-distance learning, web based businesses development and entrepreneurship development are expanded, adequate internet access and broadband technology must be accessible to meet this demand.

The Workforce Solutions of the Permian Basin wishes to commend the Region 18 ESC in the work accomplished to coordinate the project. The Region 18 ESC has demonstrated a high degree of administrative capacity in implementing major projects and remains a highly respected organization in the Permian Basin. We look forward to the challenges in partnering for successful implementation of the broadband project.

Sincerely,

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Virginia Belew
Regional Services Director

Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
TRACS Review
May 09

Applicant: Pecos Economic Development Corporation
Funding Agency: USDA Rural Enterprise Grant

PROPOSAL SUMMARY

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, TRACS Review committee has given favorable review and seeks your approval for the Pecos Economic Development Corporation application to the USDA Rural Enterprise Grant program, American Recovery Reinvestment Act. This EDC is seeking \$2,000,000.00 to fund an infrastructure project that will extend water and sewer service to an industrial site established for the development of a transload railroad facility. TexSand Distributors, L.P., a Ft. Worth based business has selected Pecos to begin distribution operations in that community. Pecos was selected due to the strategic location and the community's leadership in working with them to make the project a reality for the region.

From that location, TexSand will distribute frac sand and other proppant materials to the oil and gas service industry. The company will construct a business center that will include a water station and a salt water disposal station, followed by establishing a railroad spur to the location, and finally the building of storage silos for frac sand and other commodities. TexSan will power the entire facility with a combination of wind and solar power. The cost of the entire project is estimated at \$10 million. 40 permanent jobs will be created. With the potential of other staging yard business and manufacturing industry development in the area, the creation of larger number of jobs can be predicted.

Planned Project Costs

Architectural and engineering fees	\$ 206,879
Construction	\$1,630,110
Contingencies	<u>\$ 163,011</u>
Total	\$2,000,000



Texas Transportation Institute
The Texas A&M University System
3135 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-3135

979-845-6375
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<http://tti.tamu.edu>

March 11, 2010

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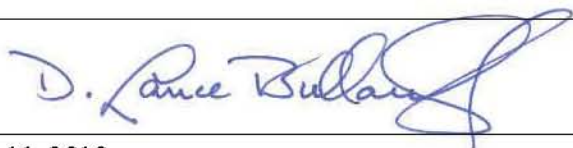
As a State of Texas agency, Texas Transportation Institute (TTI) supports Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. TTI will receive several technology benefits from this effort, including the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and videoconferencing, as well as providing other community members in the area better service and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "D. Lance Bullard, Jr.", is positioned above the typed name.

D. Lance Bullard, Jr., P.E.
Division Head

cc: Don Bugh, TTI
Steve Garrett, TAMRF

Prefix: Mr.
First Name: D.
Middle Name: Lance
Last Name: Bullard
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Title: Division Head
Organization: Texas Transportation Institute
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City of Big Spring

310 Nolan Street

Big Spring, Texas 79720-2657

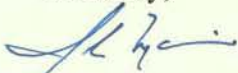
March 16, 2010

Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, TX 79711

Dear Casey,

As a member of the medical community, we support Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our agency will receive several technology benefits from this effort, including the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth provided will allow us to provide our staff with enhanced web content and videoconferencing as well as other community members in our area better health care and service.

Sincerely,



John Medina
Human Resources Director



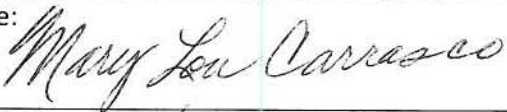
Balmorhea Independent School District
Telephone (432) 375-2224 Fax (432) 375-2511
1st & El Paso St.
PO Box 368
Balmorhea, Texas 79718



As a member of the Region 18 Education Service Center EDLINK18 Consortium, our school district is in full support of Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our school district receives several technology benefits from Region 18 ESC, including two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth will allow us to provide our students with enhanced web content and videoconferencing required for most Web 2.0 technologies, such as the Project Share initiative by the Texas Education Agency to provide a wide variety of collaborative technologies to educators and students. This greater capability will also allow other community members in our area to access computers, videoconferencing, and Internet for educational purposes outside regular school hours.

Sincerely,

Mary Lou Carrasco
Superintendent
Balmorhea ISD

Prefix: Mrs
First Name: Mary Lou
Middle Name:
Last Name: Carrasco
Suffix:
Title: Superintendent
Organization: Balmorhea ISD
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Signature: 
Date: 03/05/10

Coahoma Independent School District

Administration Office

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Coahoma, TX 79511
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Coahoma High School

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**Coahoma Jr. High**

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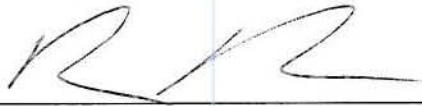
Sincerely,

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Randy Brown
Superintendent
Coahoma ISD

Coahoma ISD

Leading the Way into the Future

Prefix: Mr.	
First Name: Randy	
Middle Name: Mark	
Last Name: Brown	
Suffix:	
Title: Superintendent	
Organization: Coahoma ISD	
Project Role: __ Sub-recipient	
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Address 3:	
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Zip/Postal Code: 79511	
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Signature:	
Date: March 5, 2010	



CRANE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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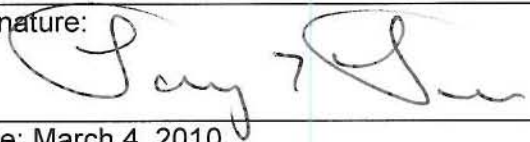
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Sincerely,

Larry T. Lee
Superintendent of Schools

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Date: March 4, 2010



Forsan Independent School District

Randy Johnson, Superintendent

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Forsan ISD is a rural school district. We rely heavily on the Region 18 EDLINK18 Consortium for our technology support. Without this organization and grants like the BTOP grant, Forsan ISD would struggle to meet the ever changing technology needs.

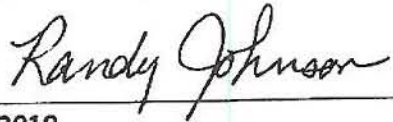
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Thank you for considering this application and for partnering with us as we seek to provide a quality education in these challenging times.

Sincerely,

Randy Johnson

Superintendent

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FORT DAVIS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Larry Butler, Ed. D.
Superintendent

P.O. Box 1339
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[432]-426-4440


William J. Maline
Business Manager

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Sincerely,

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Larry Butler, Ed.D.

Prefix:	Dr.
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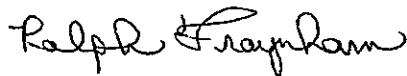
FORT STOCKTON

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT


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Sincerely,



Ralph Traynham

Prefix:	Mr.
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Last Name:	Traynham
Suffix:	
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Signature:	
Date:	3-5-10



Glasscock County Independent School District
"Mining for Gold"
P.O. Box 9 Garden City, TX 79739
Phone: 432-354-2230 Fax: 432-354-2503

Steve Long -Superintendent
432-354-2230

Ken Hoskins -7-12, Principal
432-354-2244

Randy Gartman -Elem. Principal
432-354-2243

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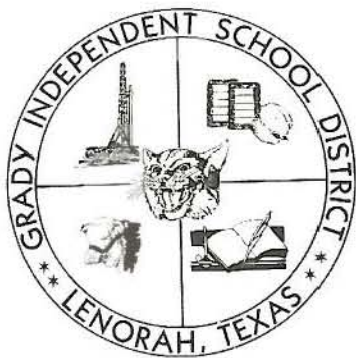
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Long". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping "L" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Steve Long, Superintendent Glasscock County ISD
PO Box 9
Garden City, Tx. 79739

1-432-213-2825

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GRADY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Principal 432-459-2445 • Superintendent 432-459-2444

3500 FM 829

Lenorah, Texas 79749-4000

March 7, 2010

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Sincerely,

Johnny Tubb

Superintendent

Grady ISD


Greenwood Independent School District

Doug Young, Superintendent
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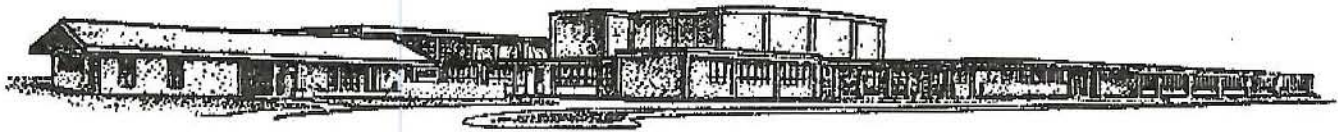
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As a member of the Region 18 Education Service Center EDLINK18 Consortium, Greenwood Independent School District is in full support of Region 18 Education Service Center in its bid for the BTOP grant. Greenwood ISD receives several technology benefits from Region 18 ESC, including two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth will allow us to provide our students with enhanced web content and videoconferencing required for most Web 2.0 technologies, such as the Project Share initiative by the Texas Education Agency to provide a wide variety of collaborative technologies to educators and students. This greater capability will also allow other community members in our area to access computers, videoconferencing, and Internet for educational purposes outside regular school hours.

Sincerely,



Doug Young
Superintendent of Schools
Greenwood ISD

REAGAN COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Marshall A. Harrison
Superintendent

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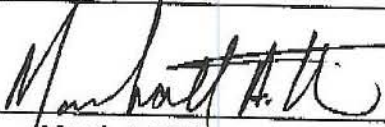
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Sincerely,

Marshall A. Harrison
Superintendent

MH:tb

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Iraan-Sheffield Independent School District

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Excellence Through Education

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March 11, 2010

Dear Sir or Madam

As a member of the Region 18 Education Service Center EDLINK18 Consortium, Iraan-Sheffield ISD is in full support of Region 18 ESC in its bid for the BTOP grant.

Our district receives numerous technology benefits from Region18 ESC including two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and staff development as well as Internet service. The increased bandwidth will allow us to provide our students and staff with enhanced web content and videoconferencing required for most Web 2.0 technologies such as the Project Share initiative by the Texas Education Agency to provide a wide variety of collaborative technologies to educators and students. This greater capability will also allow community members in our rural area to access computers, videoconferencing, and Internet for educational purposes outside regular school hours.

Again, Iraan-Sheffield ISD is in full support of Region 18 ESC in its bid for the BTOP grant.

Sincerely



Kevin Allen, Superintendent

I am

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Middle Name:
Last Name: Allen
Suffix:
Title: Superintendent
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Date: March 11, 2010

Monahans-Wickett-Pyote Independent School District

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KEITH RICHARDSON
Superintendent

March 4, 2010

Casey Ritchie
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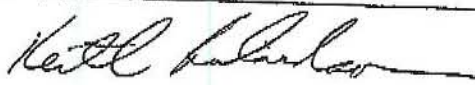
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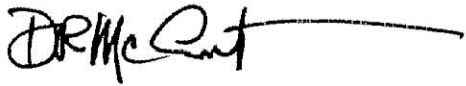
Sincerely,



Keith Richardson

KR/ms

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Last Name: Upchurch
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Signature: 
Date: March 4, 2010

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Middle Name:
Last Name: McEntire
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Date: 03.05.2010



PRESIDIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Being an isolated border school with limited funding, we rely heavily on ESC 18 and its services to keep us connected to resource other schools take for granted. Our school district receives several technology benefits from Region 18 ESC, including two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet service. The increased bandwidth will allow us to provide our students with enhanced web content and videoconferencing required for most Web 2.0 technologies, such as the Project Share initiative by the Texas Education Agency to provide a wide variety of collaborative technologies to educators and students. This greater capability will also allow other community members in our area to access computers, videoconferencing, and Internet for educational purposes outside regular school hours.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

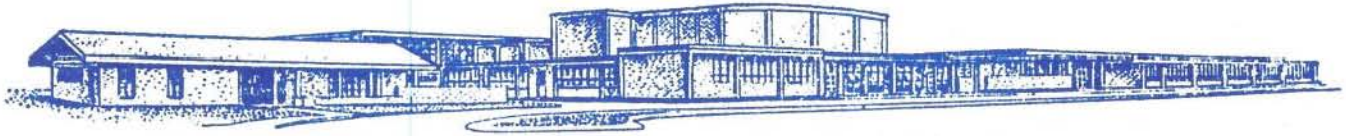
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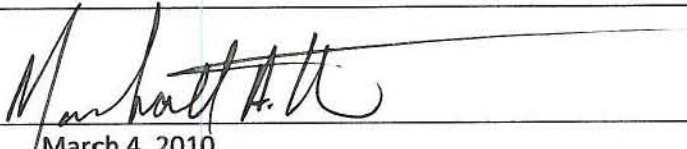
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STANTON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Sincerely,

David Carr

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Middle Name:	
Last Name:	Carr
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Wink-Loving Independent School District

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November 17, 2009

Re: BTOP Grant Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that the Wink-Loving Independent School District supports the efforts of Region 18 in fulfillment of the BTOP Grant. This will allow students in the Loving County area access to community computers after school and, in the future, can open up a video conferencing link between the school and the Loving County community for educational purposes.

Thank you for your efforts in providing the school age children a higher quality internet access which can contribute to their educational growth and development.

Sincerely,

John E. Benham
Superintendent

**Dawson County Sheriff's Office
Kent Parchman Sheriff
401 South 2nd Street
Lamesa, Texas 79331
806-872-7560
Fax 806-872-9396**

To Whom It May Concern:

As a rural county law enforcement agency in West Texas, we actively support Region 18 Education Service Center, and it's consortium, in it's bid for the BTOP grant. Our agency stands to gain several technology benefits from this effort that will support our public safety mission. This grant will potentially increase our NG911 capabilities in the future.

We also understand the grant will provide our local agencies with the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and internet service. Clearly, the increased bandwidth provided through this grant will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and voice over IP, as well as providing other community members in our area better service and support.

Thank you for giving this project your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Kent Parchman
Dawson County



Region 18 ESC – BTOP Grant Application

Location	Cost	30%Match
Pecos County – DPS & Communications Texas Dept. of Public Safety 2302 W. Dickinson Blvd. Ft. Stockton, TX 79735 2000 Population: 16,809 4,700 sq miles Current Connectivity: TLETS and DPS Network	No Charge	\$0
Brewster County – DPS Texas Dept. of Public Safety 3500 North Hwy 118 Alpine, TX 79830 2008 Population: 9,331 6,192.61 sq miles Current Connectivity: TLETS and DPS Network	\$122,707.20	\$36,812.16
Region 4 Headquarters Texas Dept. of Public Safety 2405 South Loop 250 West Midland, TX 79703 2000 Population: 1,227,809 (<u>including</u> Pesos, Brewster and Midland Counties) 60,620 sq miles (See attached spreadsheet for detailed data) Current Connectivity: TLETS and DPS Network	\$90,000.00	\$27,000.00
Total:	\$212,707.20	\$63,812.16

Narrative:

This grant would benefit Texas Dept. of Public Safety by providing an increase in bandwidth from 1M to 10M (minimum) and an anticipated lower monthly recurring cost for connectivity by installing dedicated fiber connections to three Texas Department of Public Safety facilities. The additional bandwidth would deliver faster data and video information to and from mobile data computers and cameras located in Trooper Patrol Vehicles to DPS area Communications Centers. This project would also provide the network connectivity for radio interoperability into the Regional Public Safety Radio System, and the DPS Network from the Midland DPS Communications Facility back to DPS Headquarters in Austin.

No jobs created, or retained.

Possibly include other DPS offices at a later date: **Pecos** (Reeves County), and **Van Horn** (Culberson County)

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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March 22, 2010

U.S. Department of Commerce

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is written in support of the Texas Region 18 Educational Service Center's efforts to secure U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funding.

The Texas Department of Public Safety is an agency of the State of Texas created to provide public safety services to the people in the state of Texas by enforcing laws, administering regulatory programs, managing records, educating the public; and managing emergencies, both directly and through interaction with other agencies.

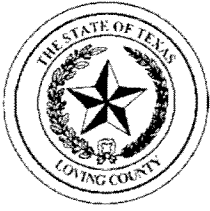
As an anchor institution with multiple facilities located within the boundaries of the Region 18 Educational Service Center, the Texas Department of Public Safety would benefit from this grant with increased bandwidth and anticipated lower monthly recurring costs at each of the three facilities. The additional bandwidth will allow DPS a new ability to stream live video from first responders and provide situational awareness to our Communications Facilities, and also to DPS Headquarters in Austin. Region 18 Educational Service Center and Texas Department of Public Safety share an area of responsibility to educate and protect the citizens within the region. DPS is the state agency first responder, and in rural Texas – sometimes the only responder when a citizen needs help.

What is more, the project would further the goal of interoperability for first responders by providing the network connection for radio interoperability between the Midland DPS Communications Facility, and DPS Headquarters in Austin.

The Texas Department of Public Safety looks forward to the benefits of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program grant and to working with the Region 18 Educational Service Center. If I can be of any further assistance, please contact me at 512-424-7427.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Mike Simpson'.

Mike Simpson
Assistant Director
Law Enforcement Support Division



Billy B. Hopper

SHERIFF - TAX ASSESSOR - COLLECTOR
LOVING COUNTY, TEXAS

P. O. Box:104 • Phone: 432-377-2411 • Fax: 432-377-2025
MENTONE, TEXAS 79754

March 23, 2010

Re: Frontier Project Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The Loving County Sheriff's Department wholeheartedly supports the Frontier Project Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Billy B. Hopper".

Billy Burt Hopper
Loving County Sheriff



MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

GARY PAINTER
Sheriff

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ED KREVIT
Chief Deputy

March 22nd, 2010

To Whom It May Concern,

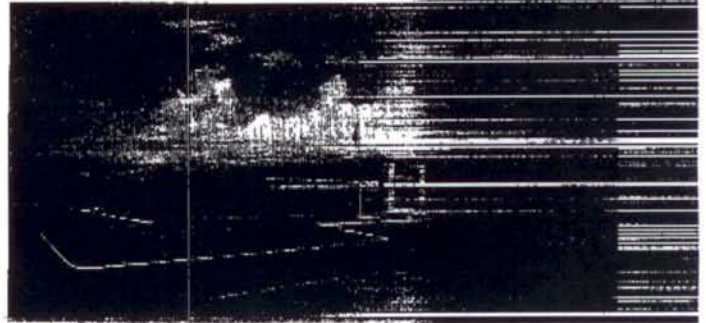
The Midland County Sheriff's office supports the Region 18 Education Service Center and its consortium in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our Sheriff's Office stands to gain several technology related benefits from this effort that will enhance our public safety mission. This grant will increase our radio communication capabilities for the future.

We also understand the grant will provide other agencies in the area with the possibility of two-way interactive video conference capability for distant learning education classes and internet service. The increased bandwidth provided through this grant will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and voice over IP, as well as providing other community members in our area with better service and support.

Thank you for giving this project your favorable consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of further assistance in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Krevit".

Chief Deputy Ed Krevit
Midland County Sheriff's Office



CLIFF HARRIS
Sheriff

March 22, 2010

1774 N. 1st
P.O. Box 1
Fort Stockton,
(432)336-1111
Fax(432)336-1111

To Whom It May Concern:

As a county law enforcement agency, we support Region 18 Education Service Center consortium, in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our agency stands to gain several technological benefits from this effort that will support our public safety mission. This grant will potentially increase our NG911 capabilities in the future.

We also understand the grant will provide our local agencies with the possibility of two-way interactive videoconferencing for distance learning education classes and Internet services. Clearly, the increased bandwidth provided through this grant will allow us to have access to enhanced web content and voice over IP, as well as providing other community members in our area better service and support.

Thank you for giving this project your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

REAGAN COUNTY SHERIFF



Jeff Garner
Sheriff

March 22, 2010

Jeff Weatherby
Chief Deputy

Destin Wilha
Captain Deputy

To Whom It May Concern,

P.O. Box 832
320 N. Plaza
Big Lake, TX
76932

As a county law enforcement agency, we support Region 18 Education Service Center, and its consortium, in its bid for the BTOP grant. Our agency stands to gain several technology benefits from this effort that will support our public safety mission. This grant will potentially increase our NG911 capabilities in the future.

Phone
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FAX
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Thank you for giving this project your favorable consideration.

Cordially,

Sheriff Jeff Garner
Reagan County

Prefix:	Mr.
First Name:	Jeffrey
Middle Name:	Noel
Last Name:	Garner
Suffix:	
Title:	Sheriff
Organization:	Reagan County Sheriff's Office
Project Role:	<input type="checkbox"/> Contractor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sub-recipient <input type="checkbox"/> Third party in-kind contributor
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Organization:	<input type="checkbox"/> State or State Agency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Government <input type="checkbox"/> City or Township Government <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Institution <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit Association <input type="checkbox"/> Cooperative or Mutual <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Community College <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Signature:	
Date:	March 22, 2010



Big Bend
TELEPHONE COMPANY
Alpine, Texas

Russell A. Moore

Chief Technology Officer

March 24, 2010

Mr. Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, Texas 79711

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Big Bend Telephone Company in Interconnection of
Region 18 Schools to a Broadband Network

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

This letter is to follow up on conversations we have had concerning Big Bend Telephone's cooperation in facilitating the interconnection of Region 18 schools. As we have advised, Big Bend Telephone owns a long haul fiber network which extends into Region 18 Education Service Center territory.

Big Bend Telephone is prepared to construct drop fiber to applicable schools where feasible and has provided engineering estimates for those costs, which estimates are, of course, subject to revisions after the routes have been staked.

This letter will confirm that Big Bend Telephone will cooperate with Region 18 and with other telecommunication providers within the Region 18 areas to provide access to Big Bend Telephone's fiber route in order to facilitate provision of ISP service to the Region 18 schools by other providers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Moore
Chief Technology Officer



March 19, 2010

DENNY BERGSTROM
GENERAL MANAGER/EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, TX 79711

RE: Letter of Intent

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

Delcom, Inc., (DELCOM) a wholly owned subsidiary of Dell Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Region 18 Education Service Center (Region 18), have been in discussions regarding the build out of a fiber network across several cities and school districts in West Texas. Region 18 is applying for ARRA stimulus funds in order to build out this network; connecting the school districts and other anchor institutions. DELCOM has been asked by Region 18 to provide a competitive bid for the construction of this network and has been asked to operate and maintain the network upon completion.

This letter will serve as DELCOM's notice that it intends to assist Region 18 with its goals under the following general conditions:

1. **Contribution:** DELCOM will not make a cash contribution to the project.
2. **Term:** DELCOM will provide operations and maintenance of the network for five (5) years once the fiber is placed into service. This term is renewable at one (1) year intervals unless cancelled, with notice, by either party.
3. **Ownership During First Five (5) Years:** DELCOM will not assume ownership of the fiber for the first five (5) years.
4. **Ownership After First Five (5) Years:** DELCOM is open to discussion regarding ownership of the fiber after the first five (5) years at terms mutually agreed upon by both parties.
5. **Right of Use:** DELCOM will have an Indefeasible Right of Use (IRU) of the fibers within the sheath after the fiber is placed into service in order to administer and resell services to customers within the service area.
6. **Rates:** DELCOM will sell services to Region 18 schools at a reduced rate. DELCOM will charge the following rates to Region 18 for point to point connectivity between the school districts and Region 18:

a. 10 Mbps	\$400.00
b. 20 Mbps	\$600.00
c. 50 Mbps	\$750.00
d. 100 Mbps	\$800.00
7. **O&M Plan:** DELCOM will provide operations and maintenance under the general terms consistent with the attached outline.

Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact me at (915) 964-2124.

Sincerely,

Denny Bergstrom
Vice President and General Manager

DELL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
610 SOUTH MAIN STREET • P.O. BOX 67
DELL CITY, TEXAS 79837
TEL. 915/964-2352 • FAX 915/964-2402

DELCOM, INC.

Region 18 Project

Project consist of Burying Fiber Optic and installing equipment in and to the towns of:
Pecos, Balmohea, Toyha,Pyote,Wink, Kermit,Monahans to proposed Agencies.

Possible Agencies

REEVES COUNTY

Balmorhea

Balmorhea ISD

Balmorhea EMS

State Park

Pecos

Pecos Barstow Toyah ISD

Pecos County Sheriff

Pecos Police Department

Fire Stations

Courthouse

City Hall

PSAP location

Pecos County Memorial Hospital

Libraries

Health Clinics

Senior Center

Pecos EMS

CULBERSON COUNTY

Van Horn

Van Horn ISD

WINKLER COUNTY

Kermit ISD

Kermit High School

Kermit Junior High School

Purple Sage

Chamber of Commerce

Winkler County Courthouse

Winkler County Memorial Hospital

Winkler County Library

Wink High School

Wink Elementary School

Wink-Loving ISD

Wink Library/JP OFFICE

WARD COUNTY**Monahans-Wickett-Pyote ISD**

Monahans High School

Walker Junior High School

Tatom Elementary School

Tatom Elementary School Athletic Dept

Edwards Elementary School

Monahans ISD -Cullender Kindergarten

Monahans ISD -Monahans Education Ctr

Monahans Alternative Education

Ward County Library

State of Texas :

Transportation Dept Mtnc Office

Ward County Government Offices

Ward Memorial Hospital

Monahans Chamber of Commerce

Ward County Law Enforcement

Estimated Cost of Project

	Miles	TOTAL
Balmorhea to State Park	3.33	\$ 192,756.71
Balmorhea School to Toyah	24.60	\$ 882,144.29
Toyah to Pecos CO Fiber	11.50	\$ 372,973.19
Pecos to Pyote	23.00	\$ 743,896.38
Town of Pecos	8.10	\$ 1,392,234.14
Town of Van Horn	0.67	\$ 132,684.55
Monahans from Loop 464 & in Town	6.00	\$ 1,035,786.14
Town of Kermit	4.00	\$ 713,929.26
Town of Wink	2.10	\$ 358,551.00
Kermit to Wink Rural	6.50	\$ 282,414.24
Wink to Pyote(HWY 57) Rural	16.00	\$ 547,244.05
Pyote East to Loop 464 & South to 36th & 18	16.00	\$ 554,180.05
	121.80	
Wireless to Mentone		\$ 387,521.00
Equipment/Installation Cost		\$ 260,000.00
		\$ 7,856,315.00
Engineering Cost		\$ 1,335,573.55
Map, Cad & Fac. Cost		\$ 196,407.88
Estimated Cost of Project Total		\$ 9,388,296.43



March 24, 2010

Mr. Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, TX 79711

SUBJECT: Cooperation of Hill Country Telecommunications, LLC ("Hill Country") in Interconnection of Region 18 Schools to a Broadband Network

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

This letter is to follow up on conversations we have had concerning Hill Country's cooperation in facilitating the interconnection of Region 18 schools. As we have advised, Hill Country owns a long haul fiber network which extends into Region 18 Education Service Center territory.

Hill Country is prepared to construct drop fiber to applicable schools where feasible and has provided engineering estimates for those costs, which estimates are, of course, subject to revisions after the routes have been staked.

This letter will confirm that Hill Country will cooperate with Region 18 and with other telecommunication providers within the Region 18 areas to provide access to Hill Country's fiber route in order to facilitate provision of ISP services to the Region 18 schools by other providers.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Larry D. Pechacek
Business Development Manager

LDP/bf

HILL COUNTRY TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.
HILL COUNTRY TELECOMMUNICATIONS, LLC

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Toll Free: 800.292.5457
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March 24, 2010

Mr. Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
P.O. Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, Texas 79711

Re: Interconnection of Region 18 Schools to Broadband Network

Dear Mr. Ritchie,

This letter shall serve as a follow up of the discussions between Poka Lambro Fiber, Ltd and Region 18 Education Service Center in regard to Poka Lambro's cooperation and participation with the interconnection of Region 18 schools. Poka Lambro owns fiber facilities that extend into Region 18 Education Service Center.

Poka Lambro Fiber is prepared to construct drop fiber to applicable schools where feasible and has provided Region 18 with proposals and engineering cost estimates of same. Poka Lambro's cost estimates are subject to revisions once the final routes have been determined.

This letter is confirmation that Poka Lambro will cooperate with Region 18 and other telecommunications providers within the Region 18 service area to provide access to Poka Lambro's fiber route in order to facilitate the provision of broadband services to Region 18 schools by other telecommunication providers.

Please feel free to contact Mike Jarrett or the undersigned at 800-422-2387 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David McEndree, CEO

/tdc



WES-TEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

P. O. BOX 280 STANTON, TX 79782-0280 - PHONE 432-756-3393

March 25, 2010

Mr. Casey Ritchie
Coordinator of Technology
Region 18 Education Service Center
PO Box 60580
2811 LaForce Blvd
Midland, TX 79711

RE: Cooperation of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. in Interconnection of
Region 18 Schools to a Broadband Network

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

The purpose of this letter is to reduce to writing the discussions we have had regarding the fiber optic facilities of Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Wes-Tex Telecommunications, Ltd., (collectively, "Wes-Tex"). Wes-Tex has a fiber optic network deployed through the majority of our service area which is either located near or passes by several school districts in the Region 18 Education Service Center service area.

Wes-Tex has devised some preliminary plans to build fiber runs to the school districts in our mutual service areas. All the plans are as yet estimates, but we feel fairly certain these plans will be achievable in the near future.

Please accept this letter as assurance that Wes-Tex will cooperate with Region 18 as well as other telecommunications providers in the area to assist in expanding the area schools' access to broadband services.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. R. Wilson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "J" being particularly large and stylized.

J. R. Wilson
Executive Vice President



WES-TEX TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE, INC.

P. O. BOX 280 - STANTON, TX 79782-0280 - PHONE 432-756-3393

March 13, 2010

Casey Ritchie
Region 18 Education Service Center
Midland, Texas

Casey:

Attached please find the information needed for the grant. Both Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and Wes-Tex Telecommunications LTD are E-Rate eligible Companies. Listed below are the spin numbers for each company.

Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	143002426
Wes-Tex Telecommunications LTD.	143001046

Wes- Tex Telephone Cooperative, Inc., will construct fiber optic lines to six (6) school districts at a cost of \$90,000.00 that will be 100% funded by the Cooperative. (See Attachment)

Wes-Tex Telecommunications, LTD., proposes the construction of fiber to five municipal and county locations in the City of Big Spring, Texas. The total cost of said project is \$147,000.00 with Wes-Tex providing \$44,100.00 in matching funds. (See Attachment)

Wes-Tex Telecommunications, LTD., proposes the construction of fiber to a proposed new hospital in Martin County at a total cost of \$13,000.00 with the Hospital providing \$3,900.00 in matching funds. (See Attachment)

Wes-Tex Telecommunications, LTD., proposes the construction of fiber to Big Spring ISD at a cost of \$3,000.00 with 100% of the funds being provided by Wes-Tex. (See Attachment)

I have also included a monthly cost estimate based upon the NECA tariff, a detailed construction explanation of the project for which funds are being requested along with environmental information.

Very truly yours,

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J.R. Wilson
Manager

Attachments:

ETS Pricing for Region 18

50Mbps ETS Pricing

Wes-Tex Telephone (Rates Band 5)	Distance from SWC	Channel Termination (1)	ETS Basic Port	Inter- Switch EVC	Intra- Switch EVC	Total Monthly Recurring (2,3)	3 yr.	5 yr.	NRC INSTALLATION
							Commitment 10% Discount	Commitment 20% Discount	
Big Spring ISD		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Coahoma ISD		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Forsan ISD Elem		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Grady ISD		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Glasscock County ISD (Garden City)		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Greenwood ISD		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00
Forsan ISD High School		\$ 247.68	\$ 186.61	NA	\$ -	\$ 434.29	\$ 390.86	\$ 347.43	\$ 759.00

100Mbps ETS Pricing

Wes-Tex Telephone (Rates Band 5)	Distance from Facilities	Channel Termination (1)	ETS Basic Port	Inter- Switch EVC	Intra- Switch EVC	Total Monthly Recurring (2,3)	3 yr.	5 yr.	NRC INSTALLATION
							Commitment 10% Discount	Commitment 20% Discount	
Big Spring ISD		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Coahoma ISD		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Forsan ISD Elem		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Grady ISD		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Glasscock County ISD (Garden City)		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Greenwood ISD		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00
Forsan ISD High School		\$ 271.43	\$ 203.57	NA	\$ -	\$ 475.00	\$ 427.50	\$ 380.00	\$ 759.00

Wes-Tex Telecommunications

1 Gig Transport to Midland

\$6,800 \$ 5,440.00 \$ 4,080.00 \$ 1,200.00

Notes:

- (1) Customer is greater than 300 ft. from ETS capable serving wire center.
- (2) Assumes a 50Mbps/100Mbps ETS circuit from each shool location back to the TLSN POP at each LEC.
- (3) NECA Tariff Rates Effective July 1, 2009
- (4) Wes-Tex and Big Bend will need to be listed in Tariff FCC No. 4 as being ETS cabable.
- (5) Big Spring, Forsan High School &Greenwood would be customers of Wes-Tex Telecommunications but are shown on this schedule



GLOBAL TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS, INC. USA Corporate Offices 3475 Sheridan Street, Suite 301 Hollywood, FL 33021 (954) 981-2600

March 15, 2010

Mr. Casey Ritchie;

This letter is to confirm the commitment of Global Technology Solutions (GTS) to support the Region 18 – BTOP project.

Global Technology Solutions (GTS), a technology consulting firm will be responsible for the daily oversight and management of the project including responsibility for cost controls and timely milestone completions. GTS will report directly to the CST's designated lead project manager in Region 18.

GTS is fully committed to commence this activity, when you are ready. We are prepared support this program with qualified trained program/project management professionals, including to manage the site development and network installation using PMI processes to ensure compliance with schedule, budget and reporting requirements.

*Mr. Richard Schuliger
CEO & Co-Founder.*



25 March 2010

Terri Moore
Executive Director
Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission
Midland International Airport
P.O. Box 60660
Midland, TX 79711-0660

Dear Terri:

I am pleased to write in support of the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission's application for Broadband initiatives established pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Public libraries are an invaluable community asset for our fast growing and increasingly diverse population. Rural Libraries in the Permian Basin region of our state will gain faster and less expensive access to the Internet, which in turn will assist the libraries in serving their communities.

Between 2000 and 2008, the population of Texas grew by almost 17%, more than twice that of the United States as a whole. Presently, it is estimated that 1,000 people per day are moving to Texas. And Texas is rapidly becoming a majority minority state.

We are proud of the unique elements that draw people to our great state, and we embrace the great melting pot of cultures and languages that we are experiencing; however, we are mindful of the tremendous challenges this poses as we in positions of state leadership focus on high standards for economic stability and growth, educational achievement, and personal betterment while facing a looming multi-billion dollar state deficit.

The Broadband grant you are submitting will increase the access speed in our libraries, support more robust telecommunications capacity, and reduce the wait time for computer access. These improvements will make it possible for Texas public libraries to help more people acquire and increase computer skills, develop professional resumes, search and apply for jobs, take distance learning courses, work toward receiving a GED or other educational certification, access e-government services, and much more.

I support this proposal and pledge to help make this program successful.

Sincerely,

Peggy D. Rudd
Director and Librarian

Lorenzo de Zavala
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