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Re: Wisconsin Department of Administration BTOP Grant Number
NT10B1X5570028

Mr. Conway:

For the past year the Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) has been working with its BadgerNet Converged Network (BCN) vendor partners the federal National Information and Telecommunication Administration (NTIA) to implement a \$23 million Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) intended to extend broadband fiber to Wisconsin schools and libraries.

Following extensive examination of complex issues, and review of multiple alternatives, DOA, the BCN vendors and NTIA have exhausted all practical options. Accordingly, the BTOP grant cannot be implemented and DOA will be declining the award. Please note total disbursements received as \$36,610 and total amount to be de-obligated as \$22,941,757.

Sincerely,

Michael Friis, Program and Policy Supervisor
Department of Administration

Cc: Diane Kohn, Wisconsin Chief Information Officer
Greg Murray, Assistant Legal Counsel, DOA
Susan Canty, Director, Bureau of Business Services