

## Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Key Metrics Dashboard

Please refer to the CCI Grant Guidelines for instructions on completing this form.

Applicant Profile	
Applicant Name	VTX Communications
Title	Rio Grande Valley Fiber Network
Easygrants ID	5732
Headquarters	Raymondville, Texas
Size (2009 Data) of Applicant Entity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Year Revenues:</li> <li>Employees:</li> </ul>
Technology Type	Wireline – Fiber-optic Cable
Key Partners	Texas State Technical College, UT Pan American, UT Brownsville, UT Health Sciences Center

Project Economics			
<b>Budget Information</b>		<b>Project Financials</b>	
Project Budget	\$22,425,509	Project Revenues (Yr 8)	
Federal Contribution (%)	70%	Net Income and Margin (Yr 8)	
Cash Match Amount (%)	30%	EBITDA and Margin (Yr 8)	
In Kind Match Amount (%)	0%	Rate of Return (w/o BTOP Funds)	
<b>Middle Mile/Last Mile Budget Allocation</b>		Rate of Return (w/ BTOP Funds)	
Middle Mile Percentage (%)	100%	<b>Cost Efficiency</b>	
Last Mile Percentage (%)	0%	Cost per Mile (MM)	
Rural Last Mile Percentage	0%	Cost per Household (LM)	

Market Territory	
Geographic Area(s)	
<b>Middle Mile Network Composition</b>	
Total Proposed Network Miles (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Miles: 166.3</li> <li>Backbone Miles: 159.6</li> <li>Lateral Miles: 6.8</li> </ul>
New Construction Network Miles (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Miles: 166.3</li> <li>Backbone Miles: 159.6</li> <li>Lateral Miles: 6.8</li> </ul>
Existing Applicant Network Miles Utilized (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Miles:</li> <li>Backbone Miles:</li> <li>Lateral Miles:</li> </ul>
Leased Network Miles Utilized (MM only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Total Miles:</li> <li>Backbone Miles:</li> <li>Lateral Miles:</li> </ul>
Underserved/Unserved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Percentage of Backbone Miles in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> <li>Percentage of Lateral Miles in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> </ul>
<b>Existing Customer Base</b>	

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Existing Residential/Individual Customers within PFSA	<b>0</b>
Existing Business Customers within PFSA	<b>0</b>
Existing Community Anchor Institution Customers within PFSA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total CAI's: 0</li> <li>• Community Colleges: 0</li> <li>• Public Safety Entities: 0</li> </ul>
Existing Third Party Service Provider Customers within PFSA	<b>0</b>
<b>Potential Customer Base</b>	
Market Potential Households (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total HH's: 117,320</li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> </ul>
Market Potential Businesses (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Businesses: 17,170</li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> </ul>
Market Potential Community Anchor Institutions (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total CAI's: 35</li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> <li>• Community Colleges: 4</li> <li>• Public Safety Entities: 1</li> </ul>
Market Potential Third Party Service Providers (within PFSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Third Party Service Providers in PFSA: 0</li> <li>• Expressing Commitment or Letter of Interest: 0</li> </ul>
<b>Funded Network Coverage</b>	
Households Connected to Network (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Households Connected: <b>0</b></li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> </ul>
Businesses Connected to Network (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Businesses Connected: 0</li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: <b>0</b></li> </ul>
Community Anchor Institutions Directly Connected (via BTOP Funds by end of Year 3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Directly Connected CAI's: 139</li> <li>• Located in Underserved/Unserved Areas: <b>0</b></li> <li>• Community Colleges: 4</li> <li>• Public Safety Entities: 20</li> </ul>
Projected Subscribers by Year Five	<p><b><u>Directly Served by Applicant</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Anchor Institutions: 221</li> <li>• Households: 0</li> <li>• Businesses: 0</li> <li>• Third Party Service Providers: <b>0</b></li> </ul> <p><b><u>Served by Proposed Network Via Third Party Service Provider</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Anchor Institutions: 0</li> <li>• Households: 0</li> <li>• Businesses: 0</li> </ul>

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Other	
Proposed MM Network Capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backbone: 100Mbps (216 fibers)</li> <li>• Laterals: 100Mbps (48 fibers)</li> </ul>
Proposed LM Network Speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest offered speed tier: 0</li> <li>• Estimated Average speed for highest speed tier: 0</li> </ul>
Total Points of Interconnection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total Pol's: 12</li> <li>• Pol's in Underserved/Unserved Areas: 0</li> <li>• Environmentally-controlled, non-passive Pols: 12</li> </ul>
Jobs Created	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Direct Job-years: 78</b></li> <li>• <b>Indirect Job-years: 78</b></li> <li>• <b>Induced Job-years: 88</b></li> </ul>
Required Time for Project Completion (Number of Required Quarters to Fully Build-out and Test Network and Make Ready for Commercial Service)	<b>8 quarters to completion</b>

## **BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Service Offerings and Competitor Data Template**

Please complete the complete the following worksheets--either of the Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Offerings worksheets may be omitted if the applicant is not proposing to provide that type.

For both the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Offerings worksheets, the service offerings should include all relevant tiers and markets (*e.g.* residential, business, wholesale). Applicants should ensure to include details on any services that would be offered at discounted rates to specific classes of customers (*e.g.* community anchor institutions or third party service providers).

In the Last Mile Service Offerings worksheet, applicants are required to provide estimated end user speeds. Average speeds should be the average sustained actual, non-burst end user speed that would be received during a peak hour. For purposes of calculating these speeds, applicants should utilize their subscriber projections for year eight of the project, and develop utilization projections that are consistent with any additional services the applicant is proposing. For wireless broadband services, this speed should be an average of the speeds available across the entire cell. Beyond these general guidelines, due to the multiplicity of technical solutions that may be proposed, the applicants may use discretion to determine the most reasonable method to estimate actual speeds on their network. Applicants should explain the underlying methodology used to calculate the average speeds in the space provided.

In the Competitor Data worksheet, applicants are required to provide data on both last mile and middle mile service providers, regardless of whether the applicant proposes to offer last mile and middle mile services. In the column titled Service Areas Where Service Offered, applicants should list all of the Last Mile and Middle Mile Service Areas within their Proposed Project Area in which the listed services are available. Please ensure that the Service Areas are consistent with those provided within the application and the Service Areas upload. If the availability of the listed services is limited (*e.g.* the service is only available within a portion of a Last Mile or Middle Mile Service Area), note this in the Other Comments column.

In contrast to several other upload templates in this application, the data provided in these worksheets will NOT be subject to automated processing. These template worksheets are provided to demonstrate the level of data required and to provide a suggested format. Applicants may modify the template layouts in order to provide the most effective presentation of their specific project. Applicants should, however, ensure that they provide at least as much data as these templates require. To the extent that you modify these templates please ensure that the print layouts are adjusted so that rows do not break across pages in a manner that is difficult to understand. A PDF of this file will be automatically generated upon upload to Easy Print and the print settings will be used to format the PDF file.

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## Proposed Last Mile Service Offerings

Name of Service Tier	Advertised Speeds		Estimated Average Speeds		Average Latency	Pricing Plan (\$ per month)	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
	Downstream Mbps	Upstream Mbps	Downstream Mbps	Upstream Mbps	@ End User CPE milliseconds		
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**Explanation of Average Speed Calculations:**

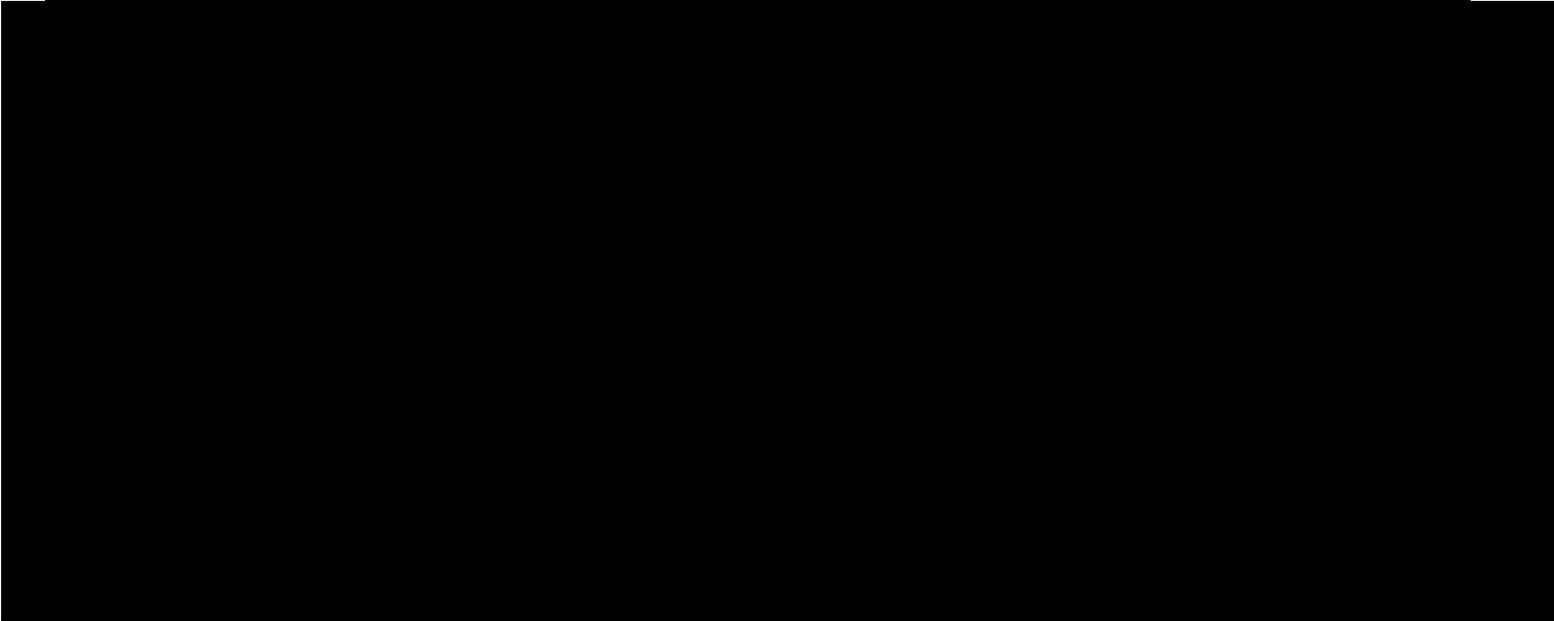
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# Competitor Data

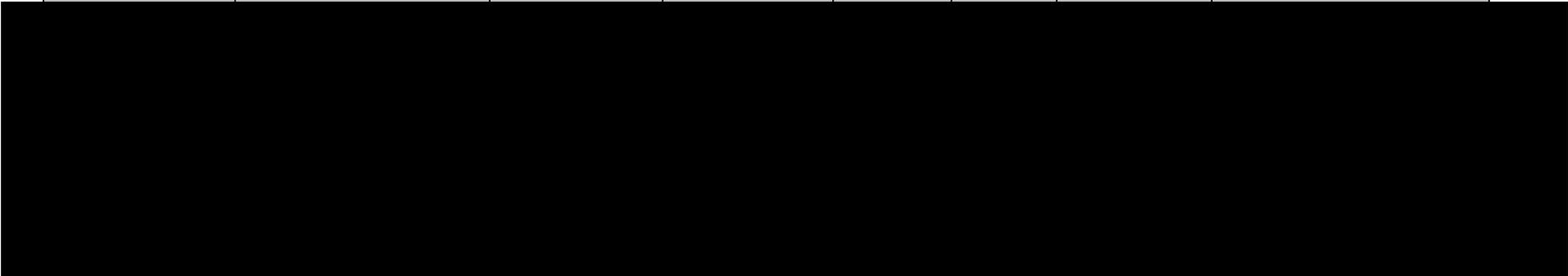
## Competitor Data - Last Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Service Tiers	Downstream Speed	Monthly Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
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## Competitor Data - Middle Mile Service Providers

Service Provider	Service Areas Where Service Available	Technology Platform	Service Tiers	Distance Band or Point-to-Point	Minimum Peak Load Network Bandwidth	Pricing	Other Comments/Description/Features or Limitations
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# City of Raymondville

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March 24, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications & Information  
U.S. Department of Commerce / NTIA  
1401 Constitution Ave., N.W.  
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the City of Raymondville, Texas, please accept this letter as an expression of our community's support for Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications' joint Application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant is permitted to link Raymondville with the other major cities in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The advanced fiber optic network will be used to connect the Rio Grande Valley universities and college systems in addition to the University of Texas Health Care System's locations. We strongly recommend the NTIA provide the funding to build out a foundation network that will permit economic growth and bring these four counties in the Rio Grande Valley into parity with major cities with another choice for intercity networks other than AT&T or Verizon.

Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliate company VTX Communications have been leaders in the deployment of advanced telecommunication services in large and small communities in South Texas. VTCI's proven history to uphold the customer's best interest in all company endeavors reflects the company's mission and vision to offer quality services and make them available to communities that have been excluded for too long.

We support South Texas companies like VTCI and VTX Communications who are willing to invest their resources in the technology sector because their efforts will directly impact the local economy, the educational opportunities and the health care services that our residents and businesses need. We wish VTCI and VTX Communications continued success in all efforts to improve the quality of life of our Rio Grande Valley communities. Your consideration for their Application's approval will be appreciated for years to come.

Sincerely,



Orlando A. Correa  
Mayor

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Dear Mr. Strickling:

As the U.S. Congressman for the 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of Texas, I would like to convey my support for the joint grant application submitted by the Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant. If funded, this proposal would prove instrumental in connecting South Texas border region's educational institutions with an ultra-high speed fiber optic network.

The Rio Grande Valley network area would include connectivity to college and university campuses in the Rio Grande Valley. VTCI and VTXC would provide these same institutions with a gateway to all the major research institutions in Texas, the United States, and Mexico. The advanced fiber optic network would be used to connect the universities and college systems in addition to the University of Texas Health Care System's locations. This proposal is specifically requesting funding to build a foundation network that would permit economic growth and bring Hidalgo, Cameron, Starr and Willacy counties on the South Texas border into parity with major cities and counties that have many other choices for intercity networks. This proposal would cover a variety of entities and organization but in my district the proposal would cover my constituents in: Harlingen, Weslaco, McAllen, Edinburg, The University of Texas – Pan American, Texas State Technical College and South Texas College.

For nearly 60 years, Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has been a leader in the deployment of advanced telecommunication services in small and large communities in South Texas. VTCI's believes its proven history of considering the customer's best interest in all company endeavors reflects the company's mission to offer quality services and make them available to communities that have been excluded for too long.

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I commend VTCI and VTX Communications who are investing their resources in South Texas. This investment in technology will directly benefit the local economy, the educational opportunities and the health care services that our residents and businesses need. I fully support this grant proposal and I thank you in advance for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact me or my Grants Coordinator, Desiree Mendez, in my Edinburg District Office at (956) 682-5545.

Sincerely,



Rubén Hinojosa  
Member of Congress



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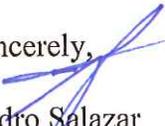
Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Edinburg, Texas Economic Development Corporation, please accept this letter as an expression of our city's support for Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications' joint Application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant. With this Grant, the Valley's educational institutions will be connected with the other major cities, college and university campuses in the Rio Grande Valley and given a gateway to all the major research institutions. The advanced fiber optic network will be used to connect the universities and college systems in addition to the University of Texas Health Care System's locations. We urge and recommend the NTIA to provide the funding to build out a foundation network that will permit economic growth and bring these four counties in the Rio Grande Valley into parity with major cities and counties that have other choices for intercity networks other than AT&T or Verizon.

For nearly 6 decades, Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliate company VTX Communications have been leaders in the deployment of advanced telecommunication services in small and large communities in South Texas. VTCI's proven history of considering the customer's best interest in all company endeavors reflects the company's mission to offer quality services and make them available to communities that have been excluded for too long.

We support companies like VTCI and VTX Communications who are willing to invest their resources in the technology sector because their efforts will directly impact the local economy, the educational opportunities and the health care services that our residents and businesses need. We wish VTCI and VTX Communications continued success in all efforts to improve the quality of life of our Rio Grande Valley communities. Your consideration for their Application's approval will be appreciated for years to come.

Sincerely,

  
Pedro Salazar  
Executive Director





March 24, 2010

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Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Harlingen, Texas Economic Development Corporation, please accept this letter as an expression of our community's support for Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications' joint Application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant. With this Grant, the Valley's educational institutions can be connected with the other major cities and college and university campuses in the Rio Grande Valley and given a gateway to all the major research institutions. The advanced fiber optic network will be used to connect the Rio Grande Valley universities and college systems in addition to the University of Texas Health Care System's locations. We urge and recommend the NTIA to provide the funding to build out a foundation network that will permit economic growth and bring these four counties in the Rio Grande Valley into parity with major cities that have other choices for intercity networks other than AT&T or Verizon.

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Sincerely,

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William A. Martin  
Chief Executive Officer



# Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Strickling:

Throughout their history, the Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (VTCI) Family of Companies have been willing to serve where other technology based companies will not serve and to provide advanced services above what others cannot offer. We strongly believe that the growth and development that our Rio Grande Valley communities have achieved is due to the efforts of community oriented organizations like Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliate companies VTX Communications, LLC. This is why we express our full support for VTCI and VTX Communications' request for a Broadband Technology Opportunity Program with an emphasis on the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant from the United States Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration. These special Programs were set forth under a joint Application in fulfillment of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Broadband or high speed Internet access has a direct impact in our communities, specifically in the business economic, education, and health care sectors. If we do not support South Texas companies willing to invest their resources in technology, rural communities will continue to fall into a technology gap, because the broadband infrastructure will simply not reach them. We want VTCI and VTX Communications to have NTIA BTOP CCI funding to build out an ultra-high speed foundation network for our universities, colleges, and health care instructional facilities in the Rio Grande Valley. The VTCI/VTXC fiber optic cable network will cover the four county region and these companies are here for the long term and have demonstrated their willingness to become a part of our communities.

The growth potential for VTCI and VTX Communications is obvious, and will require commitment, diligence, leadership and strategic planning. If the organization's mission and vision continues, we believe VTCI and VTX Communications' success will be rewarding to everyone in the community of Raymondville for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Orlando A. Correa, President  
Development Corporation of Raymondville, Inc.

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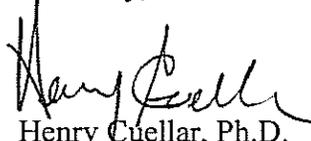
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For nearly 6 decades, Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliate company VTX Communications have been leaders in the deployment of advanced telecommunication services in small and large communities in South Texas. I support companies like VTCI and VTX Communications who are willing to invest their resources in the technology sector because their efforts will directly impact the local economies, the educational opportunities, and the health care services that our residents and businesses need. I wish VTCI and VTX Communications continued success in all efforts to improve the quality of life of our Rio Grande Valley communities. Your consideration for their Application's approval will be appreciated for many years in the future.

Sincerely,

  
Henry Cuellar, Ph.D.  
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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications & Information  
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the University of Texas Pan American, please accept this letter as a demonstration of the private and public partnership we have engaged in with Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications. We have developed a joint Application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant. With this Grant, our University will have connections with the major cities in the U.S. as well as colleges, university campuses in the state and on a national basis. The University will also gain connectivity to institutions of higher education in Mexico. We ask the NTIA to provide the funding to build out a foundation network that will permit economic growth in our economically depressed region, and bring the four counties in the Rio Grande Valley into parity with major cities and counties that have other choices for intercity (Middle Mile) networks.

For a long-term partner, we chose Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and its affiliate company VTX Communications because they have been leaders in the deployment of advanced telecommunication services in South Texas. We welcome teaming with companies like VTCI and VTX Communications who are willing to invest their resources in the technology sector because their efforts will directly impact the local economy, the educational opportunities and the health care services that our residents and businesses need. Together, The University of Texas Pan American, VTCI, and VTX Communications will improve the quality of life for our Rio Grande Valley communities. Your Application's approval will be appreciated for years to come in our region.

Sincerely,

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Bob Lim

Vice President for the Division of Information Technology



March 19, 2010

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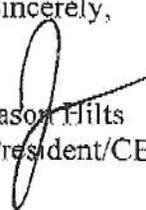
Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Brownsville Economic Development Corporation, please accept this letter as an expression of our community's support for Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. and VTX Communications' joint Application for the Broadband Technology Opportunity Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Program Grant. With this Grant, the Valley's educational institutions can be connected with the other major cities and college and university campuses in the Rio Grande Valley and given a gateway to all the major research institutions. The advanced fiber optic network will be used to connect the Rio Grande Valley universities and college systems in addition to the University of Texas Health Care System's locations. We urge and recommend the NTIA to provide the funding to build out a foundation network that will permit economic growth and bring these four counties in the Rio Grande Valley into parity with major cities that have other choices for intercity networks other than AT&T or Verizon.

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Sincerely,

  
Jason Hilts  
President/CEO

Certification Requirements for BTOP

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**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
**Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

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I certify that I am the duly authorized representative of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf. A copy of the applicant organization's authorization for me to submit this application as its official representative is on file in the applicant's office, and I am identified as the applicant organization's Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) in the Central Contractor Registration database. By signing this certification, I certify that the statements contained in the application are true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge, and that if an award is made, the applicant organization will comply with all applicable award terms and conditions.

May 10, 2010  
(Date)

  
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

David G. Osborn

Name:

General Manager/CEO

Title:

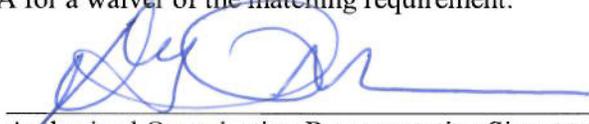
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**U.S. Department of Commerce**  
**Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**  
**Authentication and Certifications**

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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 has 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) receives 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.

May 10, 2010  
Date

  
Authorized Organization Representative Signature

David G. Osborn  
Print Name

General Manager/CEO  
Title

Certification Requirements for **BTOP**

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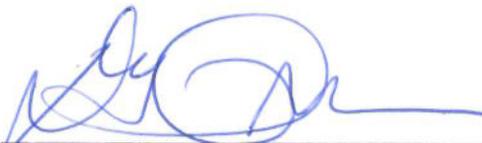
(i) I certify that I am authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part 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.

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**May 10, 2010**

(Date)

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(Authorized Representative's Signature)

**David G. Osborn**

Name:

**General Manager/CEO**

Title:

### CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

#### LOBBYING

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

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

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

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

#### Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

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

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

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

NAME OF APPLICANT	AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc./VTX Communications	5732-Rio Grande Valley Fiber Network
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
David G. Osborn - General Manager/CEO	
SIGNATURE	DATE
	May 10, 2010

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

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

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

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

(1) The prospective lower tier participant certifies, by submission of this proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency.

(2) Where the prospective lower tier participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

**2 LOBBYING**

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

**Statement for loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance**

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

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

NAME OF APPLICANT  
**Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc  
VTX Communications LLC**

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME  
**#5732 Rio Grande Valley Fiber Net**

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

**David G. Osborn General Manager/CEO**

SIGNATURE 

DATE  
**May 10, 2010**

## DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352  
(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

Approved by OMB  
0348-0046

<b>1. Type of Federal Action:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	<b>2. Status of Federal Action:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	<b>3. Report Type:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change <b>For Material Change Only:</b> year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
<b>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known:  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b> 4c 15-21-27-20	<b>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</b> Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc./VTX Communications LLC 480 South 6th Street Raymondville, Texas 78580 (956) 642-1233 Office (956) 642-1051 Facsimile  <b>Congressional District, if known:</b> 15-21-27-20	
<b>6. Federal Department/Agency:</b> U.S. Department of Commerce - NTIA	<b>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</b> NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program - CCI  <b>CFDA Number, if applicable:</b> _____	
<b>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</b> Grant Application #5732	<b>9. Award Amount, if known:</b> \$ 15,697,856	
<b>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant</b> <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i> No Past or Present Lobbying	<b>b. Individuals Performing Services</b> <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>  <div style="text-align: right; margin-right: 50px;">             _____         </div>	
<b>11.</b> Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	<b>Signature:</b> _____ <b>Print Name:</b> David G. Osborn <b>Title:</b> General Manager/CEO <b>Telephone No.:</b> 956-642-1124 <b>Date:</b> 05-10-2010	
<b>Federal Use Only:</b>		Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form LLL (Rev. 7-97)

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the Federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitation for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Include prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.  
  
(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10 (a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB Control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503.

**ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS**

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 15 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0042), Washington, DC 20503.

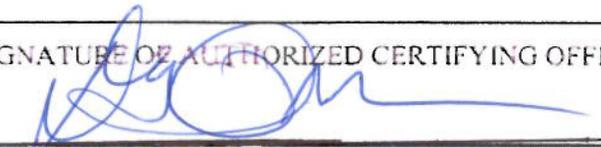
**PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.  
SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.**

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:

<p>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.</p> <p>2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and 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.</p> <p>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 interest in the title of real property in accordance with 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.</p> <p>4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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<p>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.</p>	<p>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 flood plains 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).</p>
<p>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.</p>	
<p>13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provision 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 of federally assisted construction subagreements.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.).</p>
<p>5. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the</p>	<p>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-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations.®</p> <p>19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.</p>

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE <b>General Manager/CEO</b>
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION <b>Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc/VTX Communications LLC</b>	DATE SUBMITTED <b>May 10, 2010</b>