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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)
U.S. Department of Commerce
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Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Thank you for inviting Washington State to comment on broadband stimulus applications that propose projects aligned with federal objectives. Washington State is committed to furthering the goals of the Recovery Act to expand and enhance broadband capabilities, create sustainable jobs, and enable economic growth.

In response to your invitation, every applicant that proposed a project with impact to our state was offered the opportunity to have its application reviewed by the Washington State Department of Commerce for the potential to create sustainable jobs and stimulate economic growth.

Further, I assembled a committee composed of senior industry experts to review the applications. The committee used the objectives of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and the recommendations described in the Governor's Broadband Advisory Council (GBAC) Report, as guidelines to ensure that each application received equal and fair consideration at the state level. We identified two groups of proposals that we strongly feel best serve the interests of our state. Together, these 10 proposals represent projects that will meet not only federal objectives in expanding and promoting broadband, but will contribute to Washington's job creation and economic development.



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Category 1

These applicants' proposals not only met the federal program objectives and Washington's broadband priorities as described in the GBAC report, but the applicants also stood out to the Broadband Advisory Review Committee members as being the most likely to successfully execute their proposals.

Northwest Open Access Network	Middle Mile	\$93,910,095
Public Utility District of Pend Oreille County	Last Mile – Remote Area	\$27,325,803
Snohomish County	Middle Mile	\$15,645,751
Tincan	Public Computer Center	\$1,283,723
Tri County Economic Development District	Public Computer Center	\$3,381,139
Category 1 – Total ask:		\$141,546,511

Category 2

These applicants' proposals met the federal program objectives and Washington's broadband priorities as described in the GBAC report.

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation	Last Mile Non-Remote Area	\$20,488,035
Grays Harbor Public Development Authority	Middle Mile	\$3,191,933
Mason County Public Utility District No. 3	Middle Mile	\$8,560,000
Tacoma Housing Authority	Public Computer Center	\$824,250
Tincan	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$990,591
Category 2 – Total ask:		\$34,054,809

If you have any questions, please contact my Broadband Policy and Program Manager, Angela Wu at 360-902-2983 or angela.wu@dis.wa.gov. Thank you again for taking into consideration our state's best interests.

Sincerely,



Christine O. Gregoire
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