



# Homeland Security

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Dear Mr. Levinson,

The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Network Security (FNS) Compliance and Assurance Program (CAP) is responsible for coordinating the Trusted Internet Connections Compliance Validation (TCV) assessments. This program is dedicated to providing an objective, repeatable and consistent compliance validation method to measure the degree of adherence to the Trusted Internet Connections (TIC) Initiative. This method relies on data collection and the evaluation of evidence provided by each Trusted Internet Connections Access Provider (TICAP), the entity responsible for managing a TIC.

To assess a TICAP's compliance with the TIC initiative, a TCV assessment measures:

- Implementation of the critical TIC technical capabilities published by the Office of Management and Budget as part of the TIC Initiative;
- The status of reduction and consolidation efforts with the exception of MTIPS TICAPS;
- Participation in the National Cyber Protection System (NCPS) Program.

CAP reviewed Qwest for TIC compliance from December 1<sup>st</sup> 2009 to December 7<sup>th</sup> 2009. After conducting the review, CAP produced a TIC Compliance Validation Report resulting in the following key findings, which are explained thoroughly in the full report:

- Qwest was found to have met 100% of the critical TIC technical capabilities.
- As a MTIPS TICAP, the reduction and consolidation metrics were not applicable.

Qwest is obligated to deliver TIC capabilities and services as prescribed under the Networx contract and as assessed by DHS without changes. Any changes or modifications shall not occur without prior coordination and approval by the General Services Administration (GSA) and DHS. A re-assessment will be conducted within 6 months following initial delivery of service.

The findings articulated above, and attached, demonstrate that Qwest is currently fully compliant with the TIC Initiative and, therefore, is designated at Mature Operating Capability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew D. Coose".

Matthew D. Coose  
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