May 3, 2010

NTIA
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program
c/o Ian Martinez
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
HCHB, Room 4812
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Martinez:

On behalf of the State of Kansas, we would like to submit to NTIA a list of priority projects for Round 2 consideration under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). As you are aware, NTIA provided our state staff with information on 37 projects that showed some impact on Kansas.

Much like in Round 1, the State of Kansas established scoring criteria upon which all participating applicants were evaluated. A high level of emphasis was once again placed on the state's priority areas (telemedicine, distance learning, economic development, e-government), as well as the needs of unserved Kansans. Evaluation criteria were slightly altered to place an added emphasis on projects in counties we feel are in great need of assistance based on demographic and socioeconomic factors among others.

The list of applicants provided by NTIA was utilized in disseminating information about the Kansas scoring process. All applicants were asked to self-score and defend those scores based on the rating criteria. Of the 37 projects contacted, 24 submitted self-score information. A rating team then evaluated all information provided to establish an average score for each project.

Based on our scoring results, we would like to recommend 11 projects to NTIA that we feel meet the established criteria of our state. A listing of these projects, in alphabetical order, is attached.

The State of Kansas would like to note that all projects were evaluated based upon information provided to the State by NTIA and applicants. Due to the tight timeframes on states in this process and a lack of additional data, the State of Kansas did not attempt to validate applicants' claims of meeting the needs of unserved populations. Similarly, the State did not attempt to evaluate whether applications were duplicative of each other's service areas. It is our understanding that providers and other applicants will have a period to voice such concerns through the federal process.

We continue to believe the BTOP program provides great potential for our state as well as the country as a whole. We appreciate the support our projects have received in Round 1 and look forward to continued success in Round 2. If you need anything additional from us, please contact me or one of our program staff dedicated to this effort.

We look forward to working with you, and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark Parkinson
Governor of the State of Kansas

cc: Larry Strickland, NTIA
cc: Secretary William Thornton, Kansas Department of Commerce

Applicant	Project Title	Project Type	Request
AMERICAN FIBER SYSTEMS, INC.	MO & KS Comm Broadband Network in Platte, Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Clay & Jackson Counties	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	$10,575,085
BROADBAND ALLIANCE	Bi-lingual Broadband Education	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	$2,299,466
COFFEYVILLE, CITY OF	Wireless Broadband for Coffeyville	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	$200,000
COMMUNICATION SERVICE FOR THE DEAF, INC.	Project Endeavor	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	$14,988,657
EAGLE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Eagle Middle Mile Connectivity	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	$5,349,944
MID AMERICA REGIONAL COUNCIL	Bi-State Kansas City e911 & Community Broadband Infrastructure Project	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	$82,290,259
SOUTH CENTRAL WIRELESS INC	KS598 Broadband Video	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	$1,384,229
TRUE BROADBAND NETWORKS LLC	True Broadband Technology Empowered Communities Coalition (TBTECC) Public Computing Centers	Public Computer Centers	$2,171,867
WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE	Wichita Broadband Technology Alliance	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	$14,743,879
YOURTEL AMERICA, INC.	YourTel America Broadband For All	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	$7,154,452
YOURTEL AMERICA, INC.	YourTel America Digital Community	Public Computer Center	$2,988,450