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The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
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1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Strickling:

Pursuant to the invitation from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), this letter contains a listing of those projects which the Commonwealth of Kentucky can recommend for additional consideration through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

Kentucky is a state with unrivaled scenic beauty. Yet, the beauty in the rolling hills and Appalachian regions of the state creates significant technical challenges to overcome for broadband access and availability. In addition to topography, the state faces significant hurdles in poverty and double digit unemployment, which have been dramatically exacerbated by the current economic crisis. The rural areas of the state have been particularly hard hit, and it is predominately in those areas where broadband is unavailable or inadequate.

In considering the attached projects, the Commonwealth initiated a multi-step review process to ensure project viability, improvement of community based services, and a positive impact on local economies. Applicants whose name appeared in the database provided to the Commonwealth through *broadbandusa.gov* were contacted for additional information, including a copy of the application and supporting documentation, which the Commonwealth maintained as confidential through existing state law. Secondly, the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority in conjunction with the Commonwealth Office of Technology conducted a technical review of all applications using the scoring mechanisms outlined in NTIA's Workshop Presentations. Lastly, projects were reviewed based on Kentucky's social and economic needs, anchor institutions, and critical community facilities.

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After all the applications were reviewed, there was a single project which was deemed outstanding and merits the Commonwealth's highest recommendation. The Kentucky Department for Libraries & Archives is proposing a \$1,780,384 investment to expand capacity at 60 public library Public Computer Centers through increased access to broadband connectivity and technology complemented by educational opportunities across Kentucky. The project will increase opportunities for Kentuckians by addressing key challenges of unemployment, underemployment, educational achievement, and rural access. This project was found to have the widest reach; addresses clear needs; involves cooperation among multiple community institutions; and, is very cost effective.

Enclosed is a complete listing of state recommendations, including those projects deemed most appropriate to the Commonwealth's needs. Should either you, or your staff have any questions please feel free to contact my office, and thank you for your serious consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary E. Lassiter". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and "L".

Mary E. Lassiter
Secretary

Attachment

Applicant	Application ID	Project Type	Grant Request	Service Area	Recommendation	Short Descr
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE	6277	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$19,969,825	Jefferson Co.	Recommended	The MetroLAN initiative will infrastructure to stimulate l growth and enhance educat creating an infrastructure to institutions, enhance broadl provide competent computi for local neighborhoods, col schools, agencies, and othe
US DIGITAL ONLINE INC.	6301	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$16,400,167	Hardin Co.	Recommended	Installation of two 12 strand into a ring for remote Hardi One cable is for exclusive u: system. The other cable is f infrastructure for a series of poles populated by wireless commercial and public safet and network maintenance w for public agencie
LIGHTYEAR NETWORK SOLUTIONS, LLC	5302	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$26,512,995	Central and East Kentucky	Recommended	Lightyear Network Solutions construct a high speed midc backbone through 26 centre counties for use by anchor i businesses and third party i communications needs of th areas. Substantially comple this network will address th affordable backhaul facilitie:

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY	5943	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure	\$72,484,712	Statewide	Recommended	The University of Kentucky application for the Kentucky Network (KYRON) Community Expansion project for the project statewide middle mile capacity over 300 community anchor collaboration with UK, KYRC anchor tenant to spur last n
KENTUCKY ARTS, EDUCATION & HUMANITIES CABINET	6294	Public Computer Center	\$1,349,826	Statewide	Highly Recommended	Every County in the State Kentucky Department for Li proposing a \$1,780,384 inv capacity at 60 public library Centers through increased e connectivity and technology educational opportunities ac targeting economic growth i opportunities that address c unemployed, underemploye
LOUISVILLE-JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO	5683	Public Computer Center	\$743,741	Jefferson Co.	Recommended	This project provides a 1,34 Internet bandwidth at 18 pu centers in public libraries in Kentucky. It adds 137 new increase of 26%). At 3 locat expands specialized prograr workforce learning and serv families, with primary impar economically vulnerable nei

CAMPBELLVILLE HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	5693	Public Computer Center	\$1,387,502	Campbellsville	Recommended	The Campbellsville Housing Authority along with the Let Authority's public housing Networks Computer Centers housing residents' and surr residents access to broadba computer usage. The Center connection to digital literacy educational opportunities ar
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF MURRAY	5801	Public Computer Center	\$250,000	Murray	Recommended	Computer Center Revitalized dedicated to transforming a lab into a very useful and gr Computer Center. This proje provide a place to teach con raise the quality of life in th help promote the use and n technology
BOAT PEOPLE SOS, INC.	6845	Public Computer Center	\$392,000	Jefferson Co.	Recommended	The proposed Neighborhood Support through Teamwork Technology Center (NEST-C digital divide by providing b training, education, and sup and underserved Vietnames refugee community member Kentucky. Left out of the inf immigrants and refugees tel
ELAUWIT COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION, LLC	7003	Public Computer Center	\$983,611	KY	Recommended	Elauwit Community Enhance LLC plans to provide 24 cor in 1 public computer center Authority Community in Ker both community residents a adjacent communities, over will be served by these com associated broadband adopt

OWENSBORO, CITY OF	6645	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$234,204	Owensboro	Recommended	The City of Owensboro plans presence in five of its parks. project represents a commu aimed at stimulating the cre broadband services within tl government and visitor/tour Owensboro area.
COMSCORE, INC.	6647	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$387,792	KY	Recommended	NAMAC and comScore will ir Developing Creative Sector Broadband Workforce Project Kentucky. By working togetl underserved creative-arts cc project will increase broadb; provide greater access to cu training
ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC AND LAND-GRANT UNIVERSITIES	7037	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$2,700,161	Multi-State; Includes Kentucky State University (KY)	Recommended	The project will stimulate br students and faculty at Kent University (KY), Lincoln Univ University of Maryland Easte through delivery of new onli training and incentive supp public awareness campaign. availability and benefit of th current and potential studer
BLACK ENTERTAINMENT TELEVISION LLC	5740	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$24,893,565	Multi-State	Recommended	BETN will lead a coalition of significant incremental broa within the African American The approach involves (1) a multimedia campaign to ger demand; (2) a targeted bro: PORTAL to increase the rele and (3) a community outree overall digital literacy.

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY BROADCASTERS INC.	4453	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$10,524,154	Multi-State	Recommended	The Project drives broadband comprehensive approach to equipment, trainers, digital a digital community to area adoption rates. Combining community radio stations with multimedia training and certification analysis will allow this a replicable model.
ELAUWIT COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT FOUNDATION, LLC	6909	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$267,084	KY	Recommended	Elauwit Community Enhancement ("ECEFF's") Kentucky Public Housing Authority project. The project plans to develop a broadband wireless access point utilizing 2 wireless access points. The project is a public housing authority broadband wireless community, and 60 housing residents.
LEGAL AID SOCIETY, INC.	6683	Sustainable Broadband Adoption	\$895,500	KY	Recommended	The Kentucky Broadband Access Equal Justice will purchase 1 broadband-enabled technology aid attorneys working with community members in rural areas of the courts. We will conduct to promote equal access to Kentucky's digital divide.