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Ian Martinez
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Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Martinez:

Pursuant to Assistant Secretary Mr. Lawrence Strickling's recent letter and at the governor's request, the State of Oklahoma submits the following information to supplement NTIA's evaluation of applications submitted to expand broadband in Oklahoma.

The state of Oklahoma submitted a Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application for this final round of funding. (EZ Grant 4544) The Oklahoma Community Anchor Network (OCAN) proposes the installation of a fiber backbone of 1058 miles throughout Oklahoma to benefit vulnerable populations and rural communities. This proposal demonstrates a strategy for improving educational outcomes, access to health and employment services, and an enriched quality of life for Oklahomans. The OCAN application was prepared in cooperation with other state agencies, community partners and the private sector and will compliment the Oklahoma Department of Libraries Public Computing Center application that was submitted on March 15, 2010. (EZ Grant 5180)

The opportunity for Oklahoma to continue to expand broadband access and services throughout our state is an important tool for us to deliver public services and to promote job growth and development. We realize that all applications submitted to NTIA for consideration are worthwhile and if funded, would benefit our state. The state of Oklahoma looks forward to the rigorous review of these applications and will provide any additional information that would be useful in your analysis.

Please contact me directly if there is anything further that is required. Your assistance and expertise has been greatly appreciated through this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "M. Susan Savage".

M. Susan Savage
Secretary of State