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Dear Mr. Martinez:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round Two applications that propose to serve geographic areas within the State of Utah.

To provide the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) with meaningful comments, the State of Utah formed an Evaluation Committee to review the proposed projects. The Evaluation Committee was comprised of representatives of the Utah Governor's Office, the Utah Governor's Office of Economic Development (GOED), the Utah Public Service Commission (PSC), and the Utah Department of Technology Services (DTS). The evaluation criteria focused on a project's level of collaboration, proposed benefits, and viability and sustainability. I am pleased to say that the evaluation committee met with each applicant individually and heard presentation from all applicants within the State.

Based on our review and evaluation of the Utah BTOP Round Two applications, the State of Utah **highly recommends** the following projects (in no particular order):

| 4853 | The University of Utah | CCI | Utah Anchors: A Community Broadband Project |
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| 5714 | UTOPIA | CCI | Utah Telecommunication Open Infrastructure Agency Community Partnership Project |

| 6841 | The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah | PCC | Shivwits Public Community Computer Center |
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| 7541 | The Ute Indian Tribe | CCI | Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation Fiber Optic Infrastructure |

Based on our review and evaluation of the Utah BTOP Round Two applications, the State of Utah **recommends** the following projects (in no particular order):

| 4505 | The City of Ogden | CCI | Ogden Fiber Foundation |
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| 5387 | Candeo | PCC | Candeo Broadband Behavioral Health Public Computer Placement Program |
| 6523 | University of Utah | SBA | Utah Education Network COST Project for Sustainable Broadband Adoption |

The State of Utah is confident that the projects outlined above will fulfill the goals of the BTOP program, and assist Utah in promoting broadband adoption and delivering broadband internet to those areas of our State that need it most.

If you have any questions about our recommendations, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Michael Mower