

MEMORANDUM

To: Ian Martinez
From: Gerald Chairman, Alabama Broadband Initiative Advisory Board
Date: 4/30/10
Re: Recommendations for NTIA Round 2 BTOP Funding

The Alabama Broadband Initiative (ALBI), also known as ConnectingALABAMA, established a sub-committee of voting members of the ALBI Advisory Board to review applications submitted for broadband stimulus funds.

Applications were considered in accordance with how closely they satisfy the conditions of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for BTOP purposes and conditions set forth by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Consideration was given to all relevant information provided and particular consideration was given to applications that demonstrated strong project purpose, project benefits, and project viability. As requested by the ALBI Board in the April 6, 2010 meeting, applications were also considered in the context of the National Broadband Plan and the ALBI Mission Statement.

The Committee did not rank nor prioritize projects, but rather recommended projects that they felt would serve the state well. Based on those criteria, the Committee respectfully submits the following projects to be supportive of the Alabama Broadband Initiative:

Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI)

- EG ID #4331 Troy Cablevision-Southeast Alabama Smartband-Rural Broadband for Economic Development and Energy Management
- EG ID #6757 JRM Consulting Inc.-Project BEAR (Broadband for East Alabama)
- EG ID #7242 Appalachian Valley Fiber Network- Appalachian Valley Fiber Network
- EG ID #5723 Trillion Communications-South Central Alabama Broadband Commission
- EG ID #7201 Alabama Department of Homeland Security-Alabama Next Generation Emergency Network
- EG ID #4736 Knology Total Communications-KTC East Houston County Broadband
- EG ID #5843 Conexus Communications-Southwest Alabama Middle Mile Broadband Project
- EG ID #4869 Communications Infrastructure Group-South Alabama Rural Connection
- In addition to the above projects, Project # 7203 ConnectingALABAMA: ASAP (Alabama Service Accessibility Project) has been submitted by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA). To alleviate any perceived conflicts of interest the review committee did not review this application in the project

recommendations. However, this application was submitted to NTIA with a letter of high recommendation from Governor Riley.

Public Computing Centers (PCC)

- EG ID #7111 Boat People SOS, Inc-Neighborhood Empowerment and Support through Teamwork-Community Technology Center
- EG ID #6661 Blackbelt Technologies Inc-BBT Computer Center
- EG ID #6697 City of Enterprise-New Horizons: Enterprise Public Computer Center
- EG ID #5403 City of Evergreen-Evergreen Conecuh Communications Center
- EG ID #6764 Federation of Southern Cooperatives-North Sumter Computer Access, Education and Readiness Project
- EG ID #6994 Auburn University-Equipment and Training for Rural Alabama Public Computer Centers
- EG ID #6774 Elauwit Community Enhancement Foundation-Alabama Public Housing Computer Center Project
- EG ID #5766 Alabama State University-SCABC Public Computing Center for a Smarter & Healthier Alabama

Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA)

- EG ID #6729 Elauwit Community Enhancement Foundation-Alabama Public Housing Broadband Adoption Project
- In addition to the above project, Project # 6927 ConnectingALABAMA: Boosting Broadband to Bridget the Digital Divide has been submitted by the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA); however, it is not included in the applications at this time due to complications during submission. ADECA has submitted a request to NTIA for this application to be included, pending notice from NTIA.