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The Honorable Lawrence Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing, as Governor-Elect of the State of New Jersey, to express my support for the State of New Jersey's grant application for Broadband Stimulus funding under the NTIA's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

New Jersey's middle-mile application will establish a multi-use, high speed network backbone that will provide more than 100 interconnection points distributed across all 21 counties of the state, representing a cross-section of community anchor institutions and under-served areas that are targeted to benefit. The proposal includes the installation of over 1,000 miles of new fiber optic cable and will connect all Level 1 and Level 2 trauma centers in the state, as well as community colleges, K-12 schools, library aggregation sites, and public safety and 911 interconnection points.

By increasing broadband utilization rates, particularly in under-served areas, the state will be positioned to increase opportunities for telemedicine and distance learning, as well as opportunities for job training, and improved internet connectivity at K-12 schools. In addition to providing support for research, education, and healthcare, the proposed multi-use statewide innovation network will make possible the expansion of business and industry opportunities throughout the state, creating jobs, supporting sustainable broadband adoption, generating economies of scale, and bolstering economic development.

As the next Governor of New Jersey, I can assure you of my support and commitment to carrying forward the work of building and implementing the potential of a high speed network backbone across the state.

Sincerely,

Governor-Elect Chris Christie  
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Mr. Ian Martinez  
Senior Adviser and Director of Outreach, BTOP Program  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
Department of Commerce  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Martinez:

Based on a search of the Applications Database on [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov), we identified 47 unique Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) applications that either originated from New Jersey or included the state as an area of concentration. The application from the Passaic Public Library Trustees was listed twice in the search results.

Of those 47 applications, 13 were focused solely on the State of New Jersey or a specific geographic area within the state. Of the 13 New Jersey focused applications, six were Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) proposals, five were Public Computer Center (PCC) proposals, and two were Sustainable Broadband Adoption (SBA) proposals.

Since the state submitted a CCI proposal via the Office of Information Technology (OIT), it was determined that this office should review only the PCC and SBA proposals in order to avoid any perceived conflict of interest. Of these applications, two applicants presented proposals that were best aligned with New Jersey's broadband goals and objectives:

- Thomas Edison State College: New Jersey Libraries – Anchor Institutions as Instruments of Recovery
- Rutgers, The State University: The Rutgers-Newark Computer Access Network (Newark CAN) and PTI Best Practices Project

As such, OIT is putting forward the aforementioned applications as proposals we support. We would require additional information from Telvue Corporation, Pleasantville Housing Authority, Center for Media Law, Inc., Housing Authority of the City of Newark, and Passaic Public Library Trustees of (Inc.), in order to determine how those applications may align to the state's broadband strategy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into NTIA's BTOP application review process. We look forward to learning of your evaluation results. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [adel.ebeid@oit.state.nj.us](mailto:adel.ebeid@oit.state.nj.us) or 609-984-4082.

Sincerely,

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