



# Spokane Tribe of Indians

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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications & Information  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
United States Department of Commerce  
HCHB, Room 4812  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Spokane Tribal Business Council, we are pleased to provide our input on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications that impact our lands.

As you know, broadband penetration is less than 10 percent on tribal lands. Our communities need access to affordable broadband. It is vital to improving the economic and social condition of our population. Broadband will enhance distance learning, e-health, and e-government initiatives, and will enhance public safety.

In the Middle Mile Community Infrastructure (CCI) Broadband Grant Category, we give our highest recommendation for BTOP Grant Funding to Native Broadband Satellite (Application ID #4468). Native Broadband will bring affordable and ubiquitous broadband to our communities.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

David Wynecoop, Member  
Spokane Tribal Business Council

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