



# Quartz Valley Indian Reservation

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May 24, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling  
Assistant Secretary of Commerce  
Administrator, NTIA  
US Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave., NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling,

On behalf of the Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, I am writing to support the Sustainable Broadband proposal made by MDB Communications, Inc. (Application I.D. No. 6768). This proposal provides education and training in Indian Country to ensure that Native American and Alaskan Native communications are able to take advantage of the economic and cultural growth, which is available through increased access and utilization of broadband.

In your public comments, at the outreach session held by NTIA and RUS in Dearborn, Michigan on February 5, 2010, you noted that 15 percent of the un-served and underserved U.S. population is in communities of American Indians and Alaskan Native villages. Whereas, only two percent of the first round funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) that had been announced at that point was focused on Indian Country.

The MDB proposal is designed to address that void. For that reason, we support and endorse the Application as one that is deserving of BTOP funding.

Signed,

Harold Bennett  
Tribal Chairman