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Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
United States Department of Commerce
1400 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On May 18, 2010, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration notified the State of Texas that two applications to the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program were granted eligibility waivers and would be considered for second round funding. As with other applications affecting Texas, the Texas Department of Agriculture, the Public Utility Commission of Texas and the Texas Public Safety Commission, through the Texas Department of Public Safety, reviewed the projects proposed by the Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corporation and Harris County.

The state review of these applications indicates that they would provide benefit to the people of Texas, and an updated list of projects is attached to reflect the comprehensive list of projects we believe will increase broadband connectivity.

Thank you again for the opportunity to review and comment on these applications.

Sincerely yours,

Todd Staples
Commissioner of Agriculture
Texas Department of Agriculture

Donna L. Nelson
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Public Utility Commission of Texas

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BTOP APPLICATION COMMENTS

Submitted By

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The following Comprehensive Community Infrastructure projects were determined to potentially have a positive impact on the people of the Texas:

- Coalition of Health Services, Inc., Grant Number 7235
- County of Harris, Grant Number 7817
- City of El Paso, Grant Number 5998
- City of Houston, Grant Number 7085
- Peoples Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Grant Number 6261
- Region 18 Education Service Center, Grant Number 5637
- Rio Grande Valley Empowerment Zone Corporation, Grant Number 7814
- Texas A&M University, Grant Number 7487
- University of Texas at Austin, Grant Number 7545
- Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc., Grant Number 5732

Multistate

- County Executives Telecommunications Network, Grant Number 7108
- Skyport International, Inc. Grant Number 5012
- University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development, Grant Number 4589

The following Public Computer Center projects were determined to potentially have a positive impact on the people of the Texas:

- Boat People SOS, Inc., Grant Number 7118
- City of Brownsville, Grant Number 6526
- Del Mar College District, Grant Number 4644
- City of El Paso, Grant Number 6545
- Lower Rio Grande Valley Workforce Development Board, Grant Number 7082
- Middle Rio Grande Development, Grant Number 5787
- San Marcos Housing Authority, Grant Number 6642
- Technology for All, Inc., Grant Number 4923
- Texas State Library and Archives Commission, Grant Number 6260

The following Sustainable Broadband Adoption projects were determined to potentially have a positive impact on the people of the Texas:

- City of Houston, Grant Number 7083
- Connected Nation, Inc., Grant Number 6694
- Greater Harris County 911 Emergency Network, Grant Number 4961
- Memorial Herman Hospital System, Grant Number 6806
- Mexican Institute of Greater Houston, Grant Number 6842
- Neighborhood Centers, Inc., Grant Number 5703
- North Central Texas Council of Governments, Grant Number 5900
- Technology for All, Inc., Grant Number 4924

Multistate:

- County Executives Telecommunications Network, Grant Number 7027
- Network Foundation Technologies, Grant Number 4458
- Portland State University, Grant Number 6651
- XW, LLC, Grant Number 6677