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March 25, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
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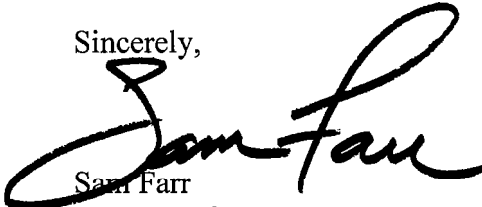
Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing to draw you attention to a remarkable effort to access federal stimulus dollars to help fund the expansion of Broadband connectivity in my predominantly rural Central California district.

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium (Consortium) is a coalition of public and private entities from local, state, and federal government, economic development, public safety, higher education, industry, and others. The broad reach of this effort in the Monterey Bay region is truly remarkable. The Consortium's long term goal is the overall improvement of broadband and other data access for the tri-county region – a connected Central Coast. Its near term efforts are focused on acquiring federal stimulus dollars to help pay for these broadband infrastructure improvements. In particular, the Consortium is seeking funding to complete a fiber optic backbone along the Highway One and Highway 101 corridors from northern Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties to the southern Monterey County line. Many of the communities that would be served by this effort are either predominantly latino farm towns or remote mountainous areas with poor access to reliable emergency communication.

The Consortium has applied for funding in a public private partnership with Cruzio and the City of Watsonville made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to help fund the expansion of broadband infrastructure. In light of the importance of this effort to the future economic development and public safety in my district, I urge that the National Telecommunications and Information Administration give this application all due consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Sam Farr
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF THE STATE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER

Teri Takai
California Chief Information Officer

March 25, 2010

Mr. Larry Strickling, Administrator
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Agency
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am writing on behalf of the State of California to express our strong support for the Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast Project. This project will provide cost-effective broadband services to remote areas in California's Central Coast, which will open up large areas of San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey counties to fast and affordable broadband access.

If granted, the State of California intends to subscribe to broadband services provided by the Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast. This project will directly impact the following Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) by providing the necessary broadband technology for Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1):

Monterey Emergency Comm. Center	Cal Fire Monterey
Carmel Police Department	Presidio Monterey Police Department
Fort Hunter Liggett Fire	Santa Cruz Emergency Comm. Center
UC Santa Cruz	Scotts Valley Police Department
San Benito County Sheriff	California Highway Patrol Monterey

This project will provide an opportunity for the PSAPs in the proposed service areas, and working with those in adjacent counties, to improve public safety and homeland security by providing an IP-capable backbone to support the new NG9-1-1 architecture.

Currently, 9-1-1 across the nation is at the crossroads of technology and the State of California supports this project, which will enable NG9-1-1 capability. Over the past 15 years, advancements in modern communications technology have created the need for a more advanced system to access emergency care. The existing landline based network has evolved and adapted, most recently to meet the requirements of wireless E9-1-1 and VoIP 9-1-1 callers.

While the existing 9-1-1 system has been a success story for more than 30 years, it has been stretched to its limit as communications technology advances. New wireless and IP-based communications devices are being developed at a rapid rate, offering the latest capabilities such as text and video messaging. Unfortunately, the current 9-1-1 system was never intended to receive calls and data from these new and emerging technologies. As a result, through cumbersome adaptations, the E9-1-1 network is being asked to perform functions it was never designed to handle. In short, the State of California's E9-1-1 systems are in need of a significant overhaul in a time of severe budget constraints.

Because of its large geographic footprint, California has very densely populated areas, as well as very remote and sparsely populated areas. In either case, it is the responsibility of the 9-1-1 Office to provide equivalent 9-1-1 services, in all cases, no matter where a citizen may reside. This has, in some areas, dramatically increased the cost to provide E9-1-1 service. In the current California E9-1-1 Network Tariffs, trunking products incorporate mileage-sensitive elements that make it very costly to bring 9-1-1 service to PSAPs that are not closely located to the Selective Router switches. Today, broadband networks do not include the mileage-sensitive elements associated with the traditional legacy 9-1-1 network. The State of California is looking for a next-generation network solution to help eliminate the need for the traditional 9-1-1 PSAP trunks, as well as the mileage-sensitive billing elements associated with those trunks. Projects such as the Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast will allow a more cost effective way to provide 9-1-1 service, while building the infrastructure for our NG9-1-1 platform.

If we are to meet the needs of the public safety community, in addition to those of schools, public libraries, colleges, and other key anchor institutions that are vital to California's success, we must invest now in our technology infrastructure.

The 9-1-1 Office believes that work can begin now to leverage NG9-1-1 technology and address critical issues, while at the same time laying the foundation for a true NG9-1-1 architecture by identifying projects, such as this one, that will make broadband more available and cost-effective. Broadband will lay the foundation for NG9-1-1 type architecture.

Standards work is still being conducted in organizations such as the National Emergency Number Association (NENA), Emergency Services Interconnection Forum (ESIF), and the Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS) for NG9-1-1. However, the State of California has begun building an open non-proprietary solution using new broadband technology to address the current issues facing California. By building an open architecture, and leveraging projects like this one, new standards can be incorporated in the design as they become available. Our strategy is to implement a broadband architecture that can help address the issues associated with 9-1-1 calls in California, provide a more robust disaster recovery mechanism and reduce network costs in remote areas, while providing a foundation for future 9-1-1 communications devices. The proposed Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast project allows us the opportunity to begin building that foundation.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project, and if you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,



Teri Takai
State Chief Information Officer



California State Senate

ABEL MALDONADO
FIFTEENTH SENATE DISTRICT

March 24, 2010

Lawrence Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Strickling:

I am writing in support of the grant application by the City of Watsonville, Corporation for Network Initiatives in California (CENIC), and Cruzio ISP of Santa Cruz County on behalf of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) to the National Telecommunications Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) concerning a fiber optic middle mile network along the Central Coast.

This project is the result of collaborative efforts initiated by the CCBC which is comprised of governmental entities, educational institutions, health and public safety agencies and private enterprise from the tri-county region (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz). Indicative of such a broad coalition, the benefits to the region that would be garnered from this project would be substantial.

The majority of the 15th District is rural in nature and this project is vital to establishing broadband connectivity to many of the un-served and underserved communities that make up the District. In addition, the project would benefit the 26 research and educational institutions within the region by enhancing their capabilities and collaborative efforts as they help to educate a workforce for the new economy—in agribusiness, homeland security, business management, healthcare, tourism and hospitality, and information technology (to name a few). The project would also strengthen public safety agencies by facilitating communication and coordination. Finally, local government benefits would materialize in the form of greater transparency, participation and expanded access to library resources for our community.

The significant extent of this broadband network would meet many of the goals stated by the BTOP and would stimulate economic development by providing high-speed connectivity to the more than 15,000 small businesses in our region. This is especially important in that the unemployment rate for Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties for 2009 was 11.9%, 14.4%, and 11.2% respectively. Furthermore, for the month of January, 2010 the unemployment rate in Monterey County stood at 17.8%, for San Benito County it was 21.1%, and for Santa Cruz County it was 15%.

If I can provide any additional information to assist you in your decision, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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ABEL MALDONADO
Senator, 15th District

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March 22, 2010

Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington DC

Dear Secretary Strickling:

This letter is to express my support for the Central Coast Broadband Consortium's grant application to the National Telecommunications Information Administration's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to fund their project to connect the Central Coast's telecommunications networks.

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) is a broad based alliance of community members and local government agencies that are working together in order to develop a plan that will provide equitable broadband access to the residents of Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties. More than 70 participants were involved in the planning process over the past year to ensure that the CCBC's plan encompasses the needs of businesses, schools, public agencies, and citizens throughout the Central Coast region.

If you are not familiar with the Central Coast of California, its geography is extremely diverse and ranges from rugged coastline, like that of Big Sur, to agricultural fields, like those adjacent to the Pajaro River, to extremely mountainous, in-land terrain, like the Santa Cruz Mountains. This topography poses challenges when attempting to provide adequate broadband service to the residents of this area and the CCBC's proposed Broadband Grid would connect the region's gaps in telecommunication, allowing for increased economic development, better communication for public safety agencies, and access to online resources for research and education.

Since the CCBC is involved with local government agencies in all three counties, they are in a unique position to ensure that the broadband connectivity needs of Central Coast residents are met and I respectfully request your favorable consideration of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium's grant application.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact An McDowell, in my Monterey District Office, at (831) 649-2832.

Sincerely,

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WILLIAM W. MONNING
Assemblymember, 27th District
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March 26, 2010

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RE: Letter of Support for a Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast

Dear Secretary Strickling,

I am writing on behalf of the County of Monterey in the State of California to express our strong support for the Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast Project. The technical staff of the County of Monterey has been participating with the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) to expand the regional broadband infrastructure in the Central coast of California. Making such infrastructure available in the region is essential to achieving the County's many goals for advancement of government, business, education, public safety, health services, and the community. In submitting an application for ARRA funding which would address underserved and unserved areas of the Central Coast to include the Monterey County areas, the CCBC is advancing the County's vision for universal access to broadband.

This letter is in support of that application. It is also to advise of the County's commitment to provide a node site at the Monterey County Data Center in the city of Salinas, at 1590 Moffett Street, and a second node site at the North County District Office near Moss Landing. Further, it is the commitment of the County of Monterey to expedite and, to the extent of its powers, make public rights-of-way available for implementation of the proposed Central Coast Broadband direct burial mid-mile fiberoptic network.

To support the availability of the networking node sites on a long term basis, the County would make an in-kind gift of a twenty (20) year operating lease for facility space to house networking equipment at each of the two node sites. The value of these leases is estimated at \$18,000 per year for a total of \$360,000 over the lease period.

We wish the CCBC great success in promoting greater broadband availability and connectivity through the Central Coast to promote the public safety, educational, government, and economic development of this vital region and look forward to our collaborations to common ends.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this project and please contact our office if there are any questions.

Sincerely,


Virgil E. Schwab
Director of Information Technology



March 24, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Subject: Central Coast Broadband Consortium BTOP Grant Application

Dear Mr Strickling:

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) is pleased to offer its support for the Central Coast Broadband Consortium application under the Broadband Technology Opportunities (BTOP) program. AMBAG represents all eighteen (18) cities and the three counties of the Central Coast Region. Earlier this month, the Consortium made a presentation before the Board of Directors. The Board directed that a letter be sent in support of the project and elimination of structural components of the "digital divide" within the region.

We understand the project will build new networks and fill critical gaps to ensure equity, access and digital literacy for residents, businesses, government (including public safety), education, health and civic/social services and agencies. The project will result in improved health, safety, education and economic development by enhancing access and speed. The project will also bring critical redundancy to existing networks. These help to fulfill many of the overarching goals of AMBAG and its member jurisdictions.

The Central Coast Region has historically been and remains underserved. This is in part because of the mountainous terrain, rugged coastlines and large expanses of agricultural lands. The area is also underserved because it contains economically challenged communities. The BTOP grant project will provide services to these underserved and disadvantaged communities improving safety, education and economic prosperity.

We, the AMBAG Board of Directors, strongly encourage you to consider the grant application favorably.

Sincerely,

Patricia (Pat) Stephens
President

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March 25, 2010

Dear Grantor,

As a community member and leader since the early 1990's, I can attest to the absolute needs of our community for a safer community with more jobs, access to higher paying jobs, access to essential health care, and the high demand for a stronger and more robust, local education system. It is rare that a single project can do so much to curing so many community demands as this 312 mile fiber optic project can do. This network will provide high speed Internet service and inter-facility connectivity to government and non-profit organizations throughout our three-county region.

The City of Watsonville is located in the heart of the Monterey Bay area and has a population over 51,000. It is a rich agricultural community famous for its strawberries, apples and cut flowers. As a farming community, over 75% of its population is Latino and our City ranks as the 59th largest Hispanic populated city in California. We have a younger population with over 35 percent under the age of 19. We have a lower median income than other surrounding jurisdictions but have the highest unemployment rate in our County.

In part due to our community profile, we have a very high degree of gang activity as compared to almost any other California coastal city. Through our many years of community policing, we have proven that the best tool to preventing and reducing gang violence is through communicating and informing a greater public that doesn't rely on main stream news outlets for its information. A project that would provide our community with dependable, high quality and lower cost communication systems would be an incredible asset and tool to use in our gang prevention activities. It would also provide a critical tool as we expand our public safety capability, through partnerships like the one we currently have with the school district. Through this partnership, we hope to provide in room video camera access for all of our area's classrooms in the case of emergency events on campus. During such events, our patrol officers would have the ability to remotely control camera angles from their mobile systems already built into our patrol cars. The success of these programs depends on having a communication infrastructure such as the one this project would provide.

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The City of Watsonville's unemployment rate has surpassed the 25% mark in our current recession and is currently at 29.9% for January 2010 and average 24.4% for all of 2009. Our historical unemployment rate, as a farming community, regularly exceeds 10%. Our community is in desperate need for a new job market. The sheer construction and connection activity that would result from this project would bring a lot of new jobs to our region, exposing our community to new skill sets. In addition, the improvement in the capacity and quality of our communication system will be an attractive resource for new employers (both homegrown and transplants). We've had these types of employers consider our region before but have been unable to commit in large part because we don't have a redundant/backup communication network with the capacity and speed to effectively communicate in this world economy.

Within Watsonville, the quality of our community's health is substandard. So much of our community is uninsured with respect to health care. Our hospital's ER is constantly overrun by our community who relies on the ER in place of a primary care physician. Our region's health safety net is located within Watsonville, Salud Para la Gente. In the past year's, they have expanded their operations to increase the number of annual visits for 80,000 to well over 120,000 now and projected to continue to increase. Our hospital and this regional health clinic recognize the tremendous value of electronic health records in addition to gaining access to specialists outside of the area for help with diagnosing community members who don't have the means to travel to see such specialists. A robust communication system would provide the infrastructure to provide solutions to both of these demands and allow our community health clinic to see more and more of our area's uninsured.

We are confident that once such a network were in place, so many new avenues would be made available to our public to participate remotely in higher learning classes and training. With a poorer community, travel and housing costs for attending out of area education systems are a huge obstacle that could be dramatically reduced through online education and training.

In addition to improving access to education, this project would strengthen our regional public school, community colleges and University and State colleges. Our local Pajaro Valley School

District is routinely in the lower education rankings and constantly in financial distress. This project would provide the school district with an array of cost saving measures through an improved internet and communication system.

This project will also help our community in a financial sense by providing our public safety agencies, health agencies, education systems and employers with dependable, high speed and lower cost communications. We expect that these savings will help our municipal government retain what's left of its workforce as it represents one of the largest employer's in our City and one with a very high percentage of home grown employees.

The City of Watsonville has taken a lead role and will continue to commit resources to ensure such a project like this becomes a reality for our entire 3-county region. The City has been a part of a planning consortium to tackle our disparate communications systems that includes virtually every public agency in the three-county region and a large number of educational and non-profit institutions. Our grant proposal is the product of countless hours of work by representatives from these organizations.

The City has a proven track record in taking on key, regional leadership roles in improving the lives of its community, in environmental initiatives, environmental protection, community outreach and regional communication amongst all government entities. We understand the commitment that it takes to make a project of this scope happen, as demonstrated in recent our partnership to build a \$30-million plus regional waste water treatment plant for our local water district to use as a tool to reduce aquifer overdraft. Another recent example of our leadership led to the partnership with our County seat and the State courts to build and open in 2006 a joint, \$50-million, 6-story Civic Center building with an attached parking garage that houses the State Superior Courts, County District Attorney staff, new Library, and state of the art community rooms for public use.

As a part of our community, we are excited about this project at what it means for our region. We have been active in providing quality of life features to our poor and Hispanic farming community. The City has dedicated significant financial and staff resource to building low-cost, affordable housing, providing safe neighborhoods through expanded parks programs that include

mobile recreational activities and improved parks and play grounds. We have built a state of the art library with a area's created specifically for children and teens who use our center for afterschool activities. We have created 4 different community computer lab locations where we provide free or low cost computer access and training for webpage designs. Our managers have active roles on boards that range from our community hospital and health clinics to public transportation to colleges to migrant legal support. We have various partnerships with our school district where we provide city facilities for school and charter school use at little or no charge. In short, we have an unending strong and personal commitment to the betterment of our population.

I sincerely thank you for your consideration and look forward to providing a much brighter future for our community through this fiber optic project.

Sincerely,

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Carlos J. Palacios
City Manager

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MANNY SOLANO
CHIEF OF POLICE

Friday, March 26, 2010

Dear grantor,

This letter is in support of a fiber optic network that will provide high speed internet service and enhanced connectivity for government, the public and non-profit service providers throughout our three-county region.

The City of Watsonville has a proven track record of successful prevention activity and the deployment of technology and other creative measures to reduce crime and deter offenders. But faced with growing violent gang motivated activity, we are desperately looking for ways to strengthen communication so that residents and police can help prevent further violence.

In addition to supporting our many computer-based investigative functions, high speed internet will enable us to post full-length crime alert and education videos on our website, something we've had difficulty implementing due to our current limitations.

Improved connectivity will open the door to many other connectivity platforms and will immediately support our current partnership with the school district aimed at protecting the lives of students and faculty. Remotely controlled cameras have significantly improved in resolution and quality, but require a large bandwidth, something our current system struggles to support. The success of this vital program depends on a robust communication infrastructure.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to improving the quality of life for our community through this vital fiber optic project.

Sincerely,



MANNY SOLANO
CHIEF OF POLICE



March 24, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Central Coast Broadband Consortium Grant – Letter of Support

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am writing in support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium economic stimulus grant to build a 312-mile fiber optic network that is affordable access to information and economic opportunities and will connect the unserved and underserved areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties.

The Consortium includes virtually every public agency in the three-county region and a large number of educational and non-profit institutions. This network will provide high speed Internet service and inter-facility connectivity to government and non-profit organizations throughout the City of Marina as well as the three-county region.

High speed Internet connectivity and/or high speed connectivity between facilities will improve the effectiveness of the City of Marina will:

1. Increase productivity, outreach to constituents, services to business clients, and expanded business opportunities;
2. Marina's constituents and clients' needs for improved, affordable Internet access;
3. Improve connectivity will help the City of Marina fulfill its mission and meet the central goals of the broadband stimulus program - i.e., increase in employment, serving those with limited or no access, for public health and safety, recreational and cultural activities for our youth, teens and seniors; and provide access/connectivity in the Marina Library, Teen Center, Senior Center and the Rocky Han Community Center in Marina, and with our non-profit agencies the City of Marina partners with for a myriad of programs serving and benefiting the entire community.
4. Improve broadband facilities will help the City of Marina better service the low-income or unemployed people, and senior citizens; and
5. Spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity, particularly for those most affected by the recession, on aiding public safety, and helping to stabilize local government budgets.

Sincerely,

Anthony J. Altfeld
City Manager
City of Marina

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March 26, 2010

Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Arlene:

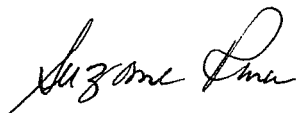
On behalf of the various Rava enterprises in south Monterey County, we are very pleased to learn of the potential expansion of high speed internet telecommunication services in the underserved regions. Having cost competitive access to high speed internet resources expands our ability to provide needed workplace information connections which are vital to business service and expansion. We also believe that it is critical to have these resources to fill critical connectivity gaps so that our region can ensure equity, access and digital literacy for all residents, businesses, government, education, libraries, non-profit and social service agencies.

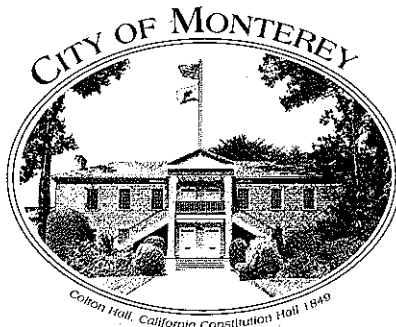
As a preliminary expression of interest, we would consider granting a site location on one of our King City properties sufficient to allow your placement of a node. The preferred site from our perspective would be adjacent to the Mesa Business Park. This would be in the most likely corridor of fiber optic cabling along the regional railroad lines and would provide easy access to other industry, commercial business, educational institutions, local government and residential areas.

Not fully understanding the technical requirements for a node location, we assume that the space and utility service needs are similar to a cellular site or fiber-optic booster station. The value range for such location in our area would be approximately \$18,000.

Please include us in your ongoing plans and communications on this exciting regional development.

Sincerely,





March 25, 2010

Mayor:
CHUCK DELLA SALA

Councilmembers:
LIBBY DOWNEY
JEFF HAFERMAN
NANCY SELFRIDGE
FRANK SOLLECITO

City Manager:
FRED MEURER

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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RE: Central Coast Broadband Consortium

The City of Monterey has long been a champion of the deployment of high capacity telecommunications networks throughout the greater Monterey Bay region. As part of our commitment, we have deployed via our local cable franchising efforts a fiber optic Institutional Network serving a myriad of local, state, and federal organizations in Monterey (including K-12), as well as a number of qualifying higher education and research organizations.

We are aware of the funding proposal being put forth by Cruzio in partnership with the City of Watsonville and the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) to deploy a high capacity "middle mile" backbone throughout Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito counties. We believe this network has the potential to provide a platform to further enable economic vitality efforts in our region, as well as support the missions of an array of public agencies, higher education and research organizations, health care institutions, and the private sector. We are excited about the prospects.

The City maintains one of the nodes for our Institutional Network at our Corporation Yard, near the Ryan Ranch business park and the Monterey Peninsula Airport's industrial area. This would be a logical location to co-locate a node of the network being contemplated via the grant application, and we look forward to discussing this opportunity. The market lease value of this property would be approximately \$18,000 per year.

If we can answer any questions about the City's broadband interests, please let me know.

Cordially,

Fred E. Cohn
Assistant City Manager

c: City Manager



March 25, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
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Re: Site for Node Installation
Central Coast Broadband Consortium Grant

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is in regards to the City of Greenfield's continued support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium Grant application. While we recently conveyed correspondence to you indicating our support of the grant application, the purpose of this additional correspondence is to indicate our intent to locate a site for the local node installation.

The City of Greenfield intends to further its commitment by providing a site for node installation. Such effort would involve a commitment to provide a 20 year lease on approximately 300 square feet of space for the purpose of providing a location for interconnections to be made. This contribution of a node installation location would be applied towards the required local match requirement for the grant funding.

The City of Greenfield urges your support of this grant application.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Wong
City Manager

Mayor
John Huerta, Jr.

Mayor Pro Tem
Annie G. Moreno

Council Member
Yolanda S. Teneyuque

Council Member
Agapito Vazquez

Council Member
John Martinez

City Manager
Roger L. Wong



March 24, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Letter of Support: Central Coast Broadband Consortium Grant

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The purpose of this correspondence is to convey the City of Greenfield's support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium Grant application. The Consortium includes virtually every public agency in the three-county region in addition to a large number of educational and non-profit institutions. This grant application represents collaboration and consensus by representatives from these organizations.

If successful in the grant application process, the Central Coast Broadband Consortium will provide necessary services to the Greenfield community. The following are some bulleted points of the advantages it will offer:

- There is a compelling need for internet access to our community. The vast majority of households do not have internet access due to cost issues.
- With an unemployment rate of over 18%, expanded internet access will offer our community the ability to access both online employment opportunities as well as learning centers that are out of our area. As is the case in many low income communities such as ours, we suffer from a high dropout rate.

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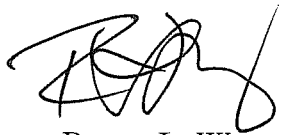
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Larry Stickling

- Currently, our modest downtown does not offer any commercial outlet, such as a coffee shop, where community members and visitors can access the internet.
- Access to high-speed broadband connectivity would offer expanded business advantages to our struggling local downtown merchants.
- Due to the needs of our community, we have a large network of social service providers who service our population. Broadband access will greatly enhance the services they can provide to the most vulnerable in our community.
- The expansion of internet access will offer our large at-risk youth population opportunities to divert their attention to healthy learning and recreational options in the cyber-world. We are currently planning to convert a city hall to a teen center where we hope to offer internet access. We have a vision that includes the possibility of having our enterprising youth offer website construction services.

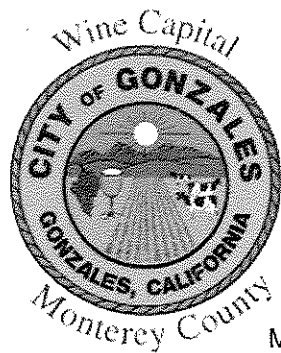
In short, the Central Coast Broadband Consortium initiative will offer opportunities that do not currently exist. This will improve services in our community.

The City of Greenfield urges your support of this grant application.

Sincerely,



Roger L. Wong
City Manager



City of Gonzales

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March 24, 2010

Maria Orozco
Mayor

To: The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Scott Funk
Mayor Pro Tem

RE: Support for the Broadband Stimulus Funds Application:

**A Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast—
Connected, Protected & Educated Communities**

Matt Gourley
Councilmember

Community members, local government agencies, and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) have been working together so that we can provide local and regional high-speed connectivity to the Internet. The benefits of a Broadband Grid for a Connected Central Coast are significant—economic development, public safety, research and education, and telehealth as well as meeting the needs of un-served and underserved areas. Our challenging geographic region includes rugged coast, mountains, agricultural fields, and large areas of open space.

Liz Silva
Councilmember

The CCBC has been working over the past few years with widespread representation from the public and private sectors to develop our region's requirements and plans. Their collective expertise and commitment is demonstrated in this grant application, which seeks funds to extend broadband connectivity in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

Jose G. Lopez
Councilmember

The City of Gonzales needs better connections to the broadband grid for better services to our constituents both residents and business. High-speed connectivity is a large part of the competitive environment for business attraction and retention. Our medical facilities need increasing performance to maintain up-to-date communications with their other connected institutions. Gonzales' educational institutions need better communications for improved video and data transfers. Public safety in Gonzales needs to transfer a lot more data and pictures through their systems as we move from a paper society to one that transfers and stores critical data for backup and support. The County court system is converting to a paperless system that will require increased bandwidth for our law enforcement department to interface with them.

René L. Mendez
City Manager

The City of Gonzales strongly supports the CCBC's grant proposal to connect the region supporting Gonzales' critical missions of public safety, improved medical services, economic development, and educational opportunities for our residents.

Gonzales is committed to providing space for a mode and other equipment as needed for this system in exchange for reduced costs using the system. Our organization is well represented in this initiative and we support and commend the CCBC's efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Honorable Maria Orozco
Mayor, City of Gonzales

Gonzales will continue to be a safe, clean, family-friendly community, diverse in heritage, and committed to working collaboratively to preserve and retain its small town charm



CITY OF HOLLISTER

375 Fifth Street • Hollister, CA 95023-3876

March 25, 2010

City of Hollister
375 Fifth Street
Hollister, CA 95023

TO: The Central Coast Broadband Consortium

RE: Support for the Broadband Stimulus Funds Application:

A Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast - Connected, Protected & Educated Communities

Community members, local government agencies, and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) have been working together so that we can provide local and regional high-speed connectivity to the Internet. The benefits of a Broadband Grid for a Connected Central Coast are significant--economic development, public safety, research and education, and telehealth, as well as meeting the needs of unserved and underserved areas. Our challenging geographic region includes rugged coast, mountains, agricultural fields and large areas of open space.

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The CCBC's Mission is: *"to plan for, build and connect the region's disparate telecommunications networks and fill critical gaps so that they become seamless, offering high speed Internet connectivity to ensure equity and access for all residents, businesses, government, education and social service agencies."*


The City of Hollister strongly supports consideration of the CCBC's grant proposal, as it will assist us in providing services such as public safety, recreation, infrastructure maintenance and economic development.

Our organization is well represented in this initiative and we support and commend the CCBC's efforts.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

City of Hollister



Clint G. Quilter, City Manager

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City Clerk
636-4304

City Manager
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Finance
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City of Salinas

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March 24, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
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RE: Support for CCBC "Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast" Middle Mile Project

Dear Mr. Secretary,

The City of Salinas has been participating in the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) efforts to expand the broadband infrastructure in our region. With this letter, we are indicating our full support for the CCBC "Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast" Middle Mile project and their pursuit of federal ARRA funding to further develop and implement the plan to bring this much needed broadband infrastructure to our area.

In our community, this network will pass by more than thirty anchor institutions - five Fire Stations, our Police Station and satellite public safety offices, our City Hall, three libraries, the main and secondary campus for the local college, more than 20 schools, two hospitals, and our airport. We currently lack affordable high speed broadband inter-connectivity between these local institutions. This network would provide that connectivity, and we look forward with great enthusiasm to the potential advantages that the network will offer for our delivery of public services.

The City also recognizes the benefits that expanded broadband coverage through Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties would provide. Our Economic Development team, which last year was instrumental in getting the Salinas Valley designated as a State of California Enterprise Zone, has experienced continued difficulty attracting new businesses because of the current broadband availability. Additionally, according to the U.S. Department of Labor, our unemployment rate in November of 2009 was 12%, and the preliminary rates for December of 2009 and January of 2010 are 16.7% and 17.8% respectively, well above the national average. This network will greatly enhance the prospects of attracting new businesses and getting more of our unemployed population back to work.

The City of Salinas' commitment also includes our intent to identify and provide suitable sites for broadband system node installation within our City limits. The provision of such sites for this project, which is anticipated to be valued in the \$100,000-\$200,000 range per site, would be applied toward the required local share match for ARRA funding.

Sincerely,

Artie Fields
City Manager

March 22, 2010

VIA: Email

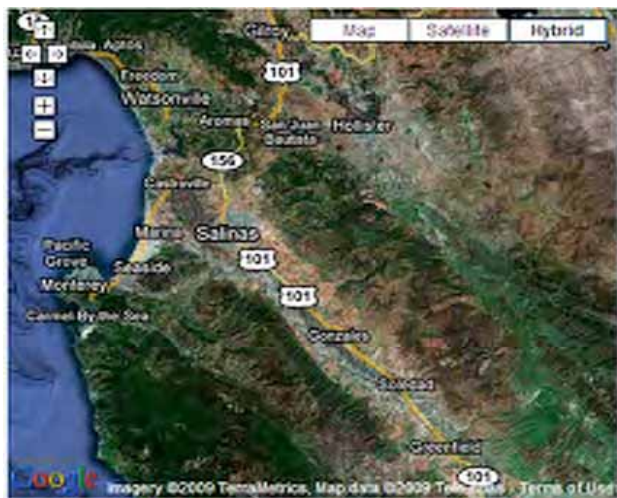
The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

The City of Soledad is located in the original agricultural base area in the middle of California and prospered on cattle, wheat and barley until the 1890's when an influx of Swiss and Swedish immigrants established dairy operations in the area. The community's agricultural base changed in the 1920's to the development of row crops. This increased Soledad's population of temporary agricultural workers, as portrayed in John Steinbeck's novel, "Of Mice and Men" which used Soledad as a backdrop.

The City of Soledad was officially incorporated as a municipality by the State of California on March 9, 1921. The City's official name, Soledad, was derived from the Mission Nuestra Senora de la Soledad. (Soledad meaning "solitude").

The City's economic base diversified in the 1940's, with the establishment of the California Department of Corrections' Soledad Training Facility located 3 miles north of the City. The facility was officially annexed to the City in 1992. The Correctional Training Facility expanded in 1996 with the addition of the Salinas Valley State Prison.



The community is in serious need of connection to the digital information networks of the modern century. The City is in full support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium's Federal Economic Stimulus grant to build a 310-mile fiber optic network that will connect the unserved and underserved areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties and provide high speed Internet service and inter-facility connectivity to government and non-profit organizations throughout this tri-county region.

As one of the "Node" locations for this lower southern part of the middle mile we see this as part of the City's economic development strategy. As our education district will reinforce, our community is made up of the population 86% Latino, 33% migrant and 50% English Learners.

Our community is located in a rural area of South Monterey County and many of our families are unemployed or underemployed. This increased access to Internet interconnectivity is critical to bring our families and our community into the 21st century of global communication resources,

allowing us to link electronically with many other agencies.

Since governmental agencies, like many throughout the nation, are experiencing financial difficulties, any support we can receive to improve the reliability and affordability of Internet access would definitely improve the effectiveness of our district and our ability to connect with our local families and other support agencies, thus resulting in substantial benefits for our entire community.

Thank you for considering our application to provide the opportunity for residents of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties to enjoy the same affordable access to information and economic opportunities as our Silicon Valley neighbors.

You may contact my office at (831) 223-5076.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Compton
Finance Director



MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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March 23, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) is submitting a grant application to the National Telecommunications Information Administration for its Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. As Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz, I am writing in support of this application and acknowledging a commitment to provide a node site in the City of Santa Cruz at an estimated cost of \$225,000, which would be applied toward the local share match for the grant funding.

The CCBC was created a few years ago to expand, and in some locations provide, a regional broadband infrastructure on the Central Coast of California. The consortium includes virtually every public agency in the three-county region comprised of Santa Cruz, Monterey, and San Benito counties, as well as a large number of educational and non-profit institutions.

Our region is in dire need of a redundant broadband path to Silicon Valley, which is currently lacking as demonstrated several months ago when AT&T experienced a major outage leaving the City of Santa Cruz and our residents without Internet and, in some instances, telephone service. This project will provide the required redundancy we desperately need for our public safety sector.

In addition, this project will provide higher-speed connectivity between several of our facilities at a reduced cost to our City. We also expect high-speed Internet service will be available to our lower-income community who currently cannot afford these types of services.

Our goals for economic development are in the forefront for our Council and our community, and this project would work toward achieving these goals. The City of Santa Cruz is such a beautiful place to work and live, but the high cost and lack of redundancy for broadband access has been a challenge to entice and retain companies in our community.

I fully support this application of the CCBC and request that you approve the grant application.

Sincerely,

Mike Rotkin
Mayor



County of Santa Cruz

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March 23, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications
and Information
National Telecommunications Information
Administration
United States Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

The County of Santa Cruz has been working with the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) over the past year to expand the regional broadband infrastructure on the Central Coast of California. This broadband network will improve access to vital services such as public safety, education, and public health while spurring economic development by enhancing high speed access for the public. It will also add redundancy to the existing networks. The Central Coast Region has historically been underserved as a result of mountainous terrain, rugged coastlines, large agricultural plots, and economically challenged areas.

The County understands that the CCBC is in pursuit of federal ARRA funding to further develop and implement the plan to bring much needed broadband access and connectivity to the Central Coast Region, including Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.

Santa Cruz County is fully committed to supporting the CCBC in its efforts to secure federal ARRA funds. This commitment includes the County's intention to co-locate nodes of the network at 701 Ocean Street in Santa Cruz and at 1430 Freedom Boulevard in Watsonville. These nodes will enable other public safety institutions, such as the Santa Cruz Regional 911 Center, to make use of the broadband network.

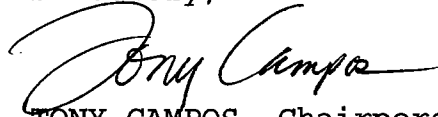
Thank you very much for your help with this project. We are all looking forward to a day when everyone in Santa Cruz, San Benito, and Monterey Counties will enjoy the same affordable access to

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information and economic opportunities that people in Silicon Valley can take for granted today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Campos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "C".

TONY CAMPOS, Chairperson
Board of Supervisors

TC:ted

cc: Clerk of the Board

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COUNTY OF SAN BENITO
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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Susan Thompson
County Administrative Officer

March 25, 2010

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium:

Re: Support for the Broadband Stimulus Funds Application

To Whom It May Concern:

San Benito County has been an active participant in the Central Coast Broadband Consortium and is in firm support of the Consortium's efforts to receive a grant for funding through the Broadband Stimulus Grant Application. If successful this will have a dramatic effect on a rural county like San Benito County. This effort, if successful, will enhance the delivery of critically important public services including but not limited to public safety, public health, human services, agricultural services, economic development, library services, general government and public works projects.

The ability to communicate effectively and comprehensively throughout not only the County of San Benito but the entire central coast region is a paramount importance.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson
County Administrative Officer



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Susan Thompson
County Administrative Officer

March 25, 2010

Central Coast Broadband Consortium
California State University at Monterey Bay
100 Campus Center
Seaside, CA 93955-8001

Re: Notice of Intent to Provide Node Sites as Local Match for ARRA Funds Application -
Central Coast Broadband

The County of San Benito has been working with the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) over the past year to expand the regional broadband infrastructure in the Central Coast of California. An expanded and improved broadband network in this region would improve vital services such as public safety, education, public health, while spurring economic development by enhancing and reducing the cost of high speed "triple-play" access to the public. The Central Coast Region has historically been challenged with access and underserved as a result of mountainous terrain, rugged coastlines, large agricultural plots, and economically challenged areas.

The County understands that the CCBC is in pursuit of federal ARRA funding to further develop and implement the plan to bring much needed broadband access and connectivity to the Central Coast Region including Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz Counties.

The County of San Benito is fully committed to supporting the efforts of the CCBC in its pursuit of federal ARRA funds. This commitment includes the County's intent to identify and provide suitable sites for broadband system node installation within the County. These are the 5 projected node locations: Pajaro River Junction, San Juan Bautista Hub, San Benito County Hub, Paicines and San Benito Hub. The provision of such sites for this project, which is anticipated to be valued at \$225,000 per site or \$1,125,000 for all 5 sites, would be applied toward the required local share match for ARRA funding.

Sincerely,

Susan Thompson
County Administrative Officer



SAN BENITO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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CURTIS J. HILL
SHERIFF-CORONER

March 26, 2010

Mr. Larry Strickling, Administrator
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Agency
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast

Dear Mr. Strickling,

I am writing as a leader in public safety on the Central Coast of California to express my strong support for the Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast Project.

Community members, local government agencies, and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) have been working together so that we can provide local and regional high-speed connectivity to the Internet. The benefits of a Broadband Grid for a Connected Central Coast are significant--economic development, public safety, research and education, and telehealth as well as meeting the needs of un-served and underserved areas. Our challenging geographic region includes rugged coast, mountains, agricultural fields and large areas of open space.

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MISSION STATEMENT

TO SERVE THE PUBLIC BY ESTABLISHING A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY; TO PROTECT LIFE AND PROPERTY,
PREVENT CRIME AND SOLVE PROBLEMS

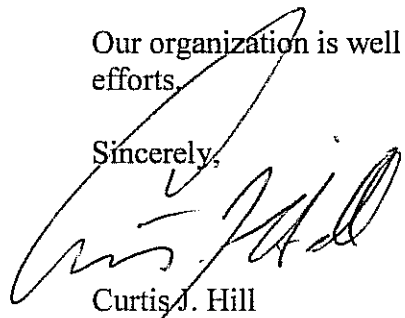
I strongly support this effort. My organization is currently connected between its facilities and the Hollister Police Department, via fiber optic cable. I am interested in expanding this project in order to be prepared for the ever expanding flow of data critical to the public safety of San Benito County.

If granted, the County of San Benito 911 Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) will be able to provide the necessary broadband technology for Next Generation 911 (NG9-1-1). San Benito County will be able to improve public safety and homeland security by providing and IP-capable backbone to support the new NG9-1 architecture.

Additionally, the San Benito County Sheriff's Office, Hollister Police Department and Hollister Fire Department are working together to bring 4G wireless capabilities to the emergency vehicles in our inventory. This will enable us to receive calls for dispatch via mobile computer terminals in the vehicles as well as writer crime reports, access GIS mapping, state DMV information, state and national warrant checks and Cal-Photo.

Our organization is well represented in this initiative and we support and commend the CCBC's efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis J. Hill", written over the word "Sincerely,".

Curtis J. Hill
Sheriff/Coroner
County of San Benito



The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary,

Necessity is the mother of invention. These traumatic economic times have changed the way business is done, indeed how it survives. This climate has also impacted municipalities, county government, schools, public safety, education and health services. With an unemployment rate hovering at 23%, coupled with a national stress index position 17, San Benito County is acutely aware of the advantages of a connected and protected Central Coast. Many of our citizens as well as our precious businesses and job generators are limited in internet connectivity due to the lack of high speed internet access. Knowledge and technology are key components to a high and enriched quality of life and it is severely impacted when citizens are unable to acquire skills and information, access services and unable to participate in community life.

Businesses are unable to compete in the ever growing global economic environment if they are at a disadvantage in being able to respond quickly in a twenty-four hour, seven day a week world. The Economic Development Corporation estimates that half of our area's businesses are impacted by this and the advent of a high speed internet infrastructure will assist in the creation of 4,000 high skilled/high pay jobs and 500 design/build jobs; as we would be competitively positioned to attract new development projects and opportunities.

We applaud the efforts of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium for the countless hours of volunteer time that has been expended to create the three-county network and the unique vision it has brought forward. The Economic Development Corporation of San Benito County strongly supports and urges the award of broadband development funds to the Central Coast Broadband Consortium.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nancy A. Martin", written in a cursive style.

Nancy A. Martin

President and CEO

March 26, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistance Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

RE: Support for CCBE "Broadband Grid for California's Central Coast" Middle Mile Project

Dear Mr. Strickling:

Paicines Ranch has the capacity and willingness to meet the requirement for a 20-year use of land for the facility and equipment requirements to fully support the CCBE's Middle Mile Project.

Paicines Ranch welcomes the opportunity to offer the use of our land for the CCBE's project. The approximate value of this land use over the 20-years is estimated to be \$18,000.00 per year.

Currently out of Paicines Ranch we run a centralized accounting department for five businesses. Out of those five businesses, two of them are high-tech companies and the lack of adequate broadband coverage hinders our effectiveness and efficiency in being able to run these companies from a remote location.

Paicines Ranch also has an Event Center that we are trying to develop for corporate retreats in addition to other activities. When talking to companies about the possibility of hosting their event here at the ranch, the major drawback for any corporation is the lack of high-speed connectivity. This of course has the effect of limiting our future growth and limits the possibility of adding jobs in the future.

Paicines Ranch fully supports the CCBC's efforts to secure federal ARRA funds and looks forward to being able to enjoy and utilize the benefits this project will bring to us and our many neighbors.

Thank you for your support of this project.


Sherry Makabe
Controller

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March 26,2010

Central Coast Broadband Consortium

c/o Arlene Krebs, Director, WeTEC

CSU Monterey Bay

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To Whom it May Concern:

The Monterey County Business Council is pleased to submit this letter of support for the Central Coast Broadband Consortium and their grant application for broadband stimulus funding. We fully support the proposed plan to connect the Central Coast and recognize the importance of a well-designed, high-speed broadband network to the economy of the region.

The Monterey County Business Council is an alliance of business executive and professionals providing collaborative leadership to help people from business, government, education, and the community work together on countywide issues reflecting our organization's strong commitment to the environment, economic vitality, and quality of life. As a non-profit corporation that promotes the concept of public-private partnerships, we value the diverse cross-section of stakeholders who have participated in the Central Coast Broadband Consortium to develop our region's plans. Their collective expertise represents a critical factor in a successful project, and the team's commitment is demonstrated in this grant application seeking funds to provide broadband connectivity in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties.

Our community stands to benefit from this regional broadband initiative in many ways, including new job opportunities, improved efficiencies in local government, smart grid applications, reliable networks for public safety and emergency response, advanced telemedicine systems, widespread community access, enhanced distance learning and education & research networks. None of these benefits can be realized without a high speed backbone, the middle mile of the network. With a high speed fiber backbone connecting the communities of the California Central Coast, it becomes viable to establish last mile access networks to serve our diverse communities.

We fully support this grant request. Broadband is required in the community for the opportunities and jobs it can bring. With a current unemployment rate of 17.8, we desperately need broadband in our communities to allow us to compete with a majority of U.S regions.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Leffel, President, Monterey County Business Council





March 22, 2010

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Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications & Information Administration/NTIA
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling,

California State University, Monterey Bay is deeply committed to engaging with the region we serve and working to improve its quality of life. Over the past six years, our university has been a key leader in the initiatives of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) to provide broadband access to the un-served and underserved areas for the Monterey Bay region, which covers Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

CSU Monterey Bay has convened regional meetings with local public and private-sector leaders to assure that this project meets the needs of our communities – for public safety, education and research, economic development, workforce training, and agriculture. Support for this effort has come from local elected officials, state and federal representatives, and senior managers of social service, health, nonprofit and educational organizations. They share both recognition of the need and a commitment to universal access.

CSU Monterey Bay, a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, fully supports the collaborative and innovative efforts of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium and its second application to the NTIA, filed in a public-private partnership with Cruzio.

This region, which includes the fertile Salinas Valley, has a large number of low-income, historically underserved people. The children of migrant farm workers are among our students. This effort to provide a middle-mile broadband grid promises to bring new information access, jobs, education, and other benefits to the region and will be a cornerstone of its future prosperity.

Thank you for your consideration of our region's submission. If I may be of further assistance, please do contact me.

Sincerely,

Dianne F. Harrison, Ph.D.
President

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March 24, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications & Information Administration/NTIA
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Dear Mr. Strickling,

Hartnell College, a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, fully supports the collaborative and innovative efforts of California's Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) in its second application to the NTIA, filed in a public-private partnership with Cruzio. We definitely need expanded access to our outlying campuses in King City and in the Alisal area, both highly underserved areas.

The goal of this initiative, to provide broadband access to the un-served and under-served areas of the Tri-County region (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties), closely aligns with the mission of Hartnell College which is to "...provide the leadership and resources to ensure that all students shall have equal access to a quality education and the opportunity to pursue and achieve their goals. We are responsive to the learning needs of our community and dedicated to a diverse educational and cultural campus environment that prepares our students for productive participation in a changing world."

Hartnell College's main campus in Salinas, California has 10,000+ students who are 76% minority and 49% female. Latinos comprise well over 60% of the total enrollment. More than 42% of the College's students are non-native English speakers and over 65% are the first in their family to attend college. The population area that we serve is characterized by large numbers of migrant workers and their families, chronically high unemployment, and high rates of poverty. Hartnell is the only public college in the Salinas Valley providing a postsecondary access point for the underrepresented students in the region. Regarding age, approximately half of the student population is between the ages of 18-24, 45% are age 25 and over, and 10% is over the age of 49.

In East Salinas, Hartnell's Alisal Campus is in a working class, vibrant neighborhood of relatively underprivileged immigrant families. With a population of approximately 32,000, the vast majority of workers are employed in the agricultural, food processing and hospitality industries. Nearly one-third of all residents in the community are school-aged children and with the high cost of housing in Monterey County many of these families are forced to live in cramped, unhealthy conditions making this neighborhood one of the densest in

the state. Over 57% of adults over 25 in Alisal, have less than a 9th grade education. Only 2.35% have an Associate's degree and less than 2% have a Bachelors degree. Over 1000 families live below the poverty line (The California Endowment). The new Center for Advanced Technology, a 40,000-square-foot structure, will open in August 2010 and is the first building on the Alisal Campus. It will house many of the college's career development programs, including agriculture, construction, and computer science as well as general education courses.

Hartnell's King City Education Center is an offsite center of Hartnell College's district that supports the southern Monterey county communities to meet their student service and instructional needs. In 2007, King City's population was 11,518. Census data indicate the primary ethnicity in King City is Hispanic (80.4%). 74% speak a language other than English at home and 46 % are female. Only 41 % have a high school degree and 8% of the King City residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. The population is much younger than that of the Monterey Peninsula and the County with a median age of 25.3 years old. By 2015 King City is projected to grow to 17,433 residents and by 2020, to 19,381. This Center currently serves approximately 2000 students with three semesters of classes and year round student services and is growing at a rapid rate. Computer literacy classes are offered in English and second language support and trainings are offered to the public to meet community and business needs.

Hartnell College strongly supports the grant's objectives to expand broadband access. Bringing Internet access to this largely underserved population provides hope for a better way of life. It provides educational, employment and life opportunities that are desperately needed.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission. If I may be of further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Dr. Phoebe K. Helm
Superintendent/President



March 24, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Secretary Strickling,

Monterey Peninsula College in Monterey, California serves the local community as a 2-year college for over 17,000 students transferring to 4-year colleges and for job skills training and certification. The College has strong ties to California State Monterey Bay and benefits by tying our planning to include some of their resources and services. For this reason and the related information below, MPC supports the Central Coast Broadband Consortium in its efforts in designing a comprehensive plan and proposal to meet the needs of Monterey Peninsula College and other educational and service agencies in the area.

Recently, the College has been conveyed or will soon have conveyed various pieces of land, some with buildings, in the old Ft. Ord location nearby. To date we have partially developed two pieces: the temporary MPC Education Center at Marina for general education, ESL, and basic skills classes (1,000 students presently) and the completed Public Safety Training Center in Seaside for police and firefighter training (400 students presently). The permanent MPC Education Center at Marina is underway with the first buildings to be completed in summer 2011 and is located in an area of primarily ethnic minorities and other underserved populations. Final build-out of the Education Center will have a capacity of 10,000 students. In the future we plan to develop the BOQ (Bachelor's Officers Quarters) for student housing, as well as Parker Flats as a large-scale safety training area for fire trucks, other vehicles, and a rifle range. The M.O.U.T. (Military Operations on Urban Terrain) will be conveyed to MPC once the clean-up is completed. That site, with its cinder-block city, is presently used by the FBI, CIA, military and other agencies for training. It is hard to estimate the build-out Fire and Police student population capacity but it is estimated to be in the 5,000 range.

The two operational education sites are presently served by T1 lines which are not adequate for their educational use. Parker Flats and the M.O.U.T. have no telephone or data service, or infrastructure to connect service. It is MPC's long-range plan to grow the Safety Training Center into a full Homeland Security Training Center with enrollment from throughout the US and parts of the world. The California Community College Chancellor's Office has funds periodically available for last mile infrastructure costs but not middle mile funding. The implementation of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium Plan, given funding from this grant, will make it possible for MPC to develop a comprehensive safety training program with a world-wide audience. We are planning for inline or face-to-face courses for content delivery with training sessions on-site.

Monterey Peninsula College strongly supports consideration of the grant proposal by Cruzio working with the City of Watsonville and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium as it will assist MPC in fulfilling a major focus in its educational planning.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Douglas Garrison
President Superintendent



Cabrillo College

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March 26, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Secretary Strickling:

Cabrillo College, a California Community College, serves over 17,000 students from Santa Cruz County and the Monterey Bay region. The college has a strong commitment to providing pathways to prosperity for our students, local employers, and our communities. It is this commitment which leads us to support the Central Coast Broadband Consortium.

Our college has made substantial investments in developing and offering computer science and computer networking and systems administration programs. We have worked closely with Cisco to create networking programs that are aligned with industry standards and that keep up-to-date with rapidly evolving technologies and we have developed strong partnerships with four-year schools to provide transfer pathways for our students in this field. Our faculty are currently serving as co-principal investigators on two NSF-funded projects devoted to developing community college pathways into information technology careers. We attract many students from surrounding colleges because of the strength of our program and our faculty, our advanced curriculum, and our delivery of courses through the Internet.

We have a strong commitment to ensuring access for all of our students to these high-skill, high-wage careers. A project such as that proposed by the CCBC will result in the creation many networking jobs and related employment. Access to skilled, high-wage careers motivated our development of the Digital Bridge Academy, a program that has had remarkable success in bridging low-income, under-prepared students into the college's transfer and career technical education programs. This program recently received over \$2.8 million from the Gates Foundation to support its expansion to other colleges throughout the country.

The creation of a local wide area network that links government and higher education would be of great benefit to our community and our students. Increasing numbers of our students are finding work with local government and higher education as the utilization of computer technology has expanded. IT department representatives from other higher education institutions and local government agencies are active in our advisory committees to ensure that they have a source of high quality candidates for job openings

as well as a source for education to help keep their existing staff current with new developments.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Kinsella, DBA, CPA, Superintendent/President

March 25, 2010

Mr. Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Secretary Strickling,

Gavilan College serves the communities of south Santa Clara County (including Gilroy and Morgan Hill) and San Benito County (including Hollister.) Of our roughly 12,000 students, approximately 40% reside in San Benito County. Compared to the communities at the northern end of the 2700 square mile Gavilan College district, those in San Benito County are far more rural, lower income, and less connected to the technology and amenities of Silicon Valley. Gavilan College is federally designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution.

Gavilan College has a strong relationship with California State University at Monterey Bay, with partnerships in Teledramatic Arts, Teach for Tomorrow, the Writing Center, the World Theater, and through the Monterey Bay Higher Education and Research Consortium.

Access to broadband connectivity at Gavilan's Hollister campus will enable students and residents to fully participate in online learning, research, and media opportunities. The California Community College Chancellor's Office has funds periodically available for last mile infrastructure costs, but not "middle mile" funding. The implementation of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium Plan, given funding from this grant, will make it possible for Gavilan College to develop comprehensive programs at a new campus in Hollister, eliminating the need for students to commute to other cities to access a complete range of community college offerings.

Gavilan College encourages your strong consideration of this grant proposal by Cruzio in partnership with the City of Watsonville and the Central Coast Broadband Consortium.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steven M. Kinsella,
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March 25, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
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Dear Mr. Secretary,


The Monterey Institute of International Studies offers graduate programs that prepare innovative professionals to provide leadership in cross-cultural, multilingual environments. The Institute's Graduate School of International Policy and Management and the Graduate School of Translation, Interpretation, and Language Education offer degrees in international policy studies, translation and interpretation, language education, and international business that have propelled our alumni into international careers that address the critical challenges of this century. Our students and faculty do research in many areas including nuclear and biological nonproliferation, through our James Irvine Center for Nonproliferation Studies. The Monterey Institute is happy to be part of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium.

Students, faculty and researchers at our institution depend heavily on readily available broadband access, and the growth of the Institute depends on expanding this access whenever possible. This growth is hampered by the lack of inexpensive broadband services in our area. Many of our students and faculty now depend daily on connecting back to the Institute through outside broadband services, making it possible to connect to campus resources never before possible. Seeing a student using Skype to share their experiences while volunteering for the Peace Corp in Africa, or receiving feedback from a UN ambassador in Washington are just some of the ways our student's educations benefit from broadband access.

We realize that our community and the surrounding region will benefit from the broadband initiative through expanded educational resources, new job opportunities, public safety applications, healthcare and community access, expanded government resources, and access to underserved areas in our tri-county region. With a new high speed fiber backbone connecting the California Central Coast, it will become possible to reach all of the above goals, and to provide the first step in connecting northern and southern California in a single broadband network.

The Monterey Institute recommends giving this grant proposal the highest objective review and your utmost funding consideration.

Sincerely,



John M. Grunder
Chief Information Officer



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VICE PRESIDENT FOR INFORMATION RESOURCES AND CIO

March 23, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Lawrence E. Strickling
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Re: California Central Coast Broadband Consortium

Dear Mr. Strickling:

California's Central Coast Broadband Consortium is proposing to bring expanded broadband access and connectivity to three counties on the central coast: Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito. The region is comprised of a rich mix of economic drivers including agriculture, tourism, higher education/research, technology innovation, etc. In order to leverage its present strengths into a vital and prosperous future, it is critical that investments be made in technological and communications infrastructure and concomitant services.

Because of our rugged coastline and intersection of numerous mountain ranges, our landscape is beautiful and world renowned as a stunning example of nature's best. However, our geography also presents substantial challenges to technology and communications. What is needed is precisely what the Central Coast Broadband Consortium is proposing – a comprehensive approach to expanding the canopy of communications in the region. This would make the infrastructure available to educational institutions, government (including public safety and first responders), healthcare, and the private sector.

The Naval Postgraduate School is a research university that relies on a robust communications infrastructure for its mission. In addition to collaborations with other universities, we have an active and expanding field experimentation program in the southern part of Monterey County. We also have a presence on Point Sur, just south of the Big Sur area on Highway 1. It is important for us to have high-speed access to all of these sites, including peering with other national and international networks.

As a result, the Naval Postgraduate School endorses efforts by our region's stakeholders to bring more robust communications infrastructure to our area. Thank you for your consideration of this important request.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Haska, Ph.D.
Vice President, Information Resources and CIO



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March 19, 2010

Lawrence E. Strickling
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California State University, Monterey Bay (CSUMB), a federally designated Hispanic Serving Institution, fully supports the collaborative and innovative efforts of California's Central Coast Broadband Consortium and its second application to the NTIA, filed in a public-private partnership with Cruzio.

The goal of this initiative to provide broadband access to the un-served and under-served areas of the Tri-County region (Monterey, San Benito and Santa Cruz counties) is admirable and closely aligns with the goals and core philosophy our University-- whose vision to engage with our local community includes the mandate to use technology as a catalyst to transform people's lives.

Our region, known as the Salad Bowl of America, includes many low-income, historically underserved people. The children of our migrant farm workers are our students. This project to provide a middle mile broadband grid has the potential to bring information access, jobs, education, and other benefits to the region and will be a cornerstone for the region's growth for years to come. Over the past 6 years, this project has received and will continue to receive the University's full support – from our IT staff, our administration, and our faculty.

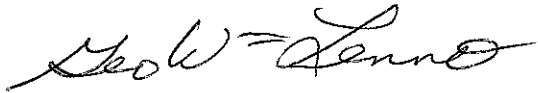
Over one-half of our student population (4,000) each semester participates in service learning projects with over 350 local public sector organizations. Our Service Learning Institute is one of three institutions nationally that received the Presidential Award as part of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Our BTOP Comprehensive Community Infrastructure application will help to deliver Internet access to these community groups—many of which have limited or no access to the Internet.

As one of the key conveners of the CCBC, the University has supported this initiative with in-kind donations of staff time, technical and administrative support, as well as

organizing forums and meetings to assure that this project meets the needs of our community—for public safety, education and research, business and economic development, workforce training, agriculture, and nonprofits. The broad support that this project and the CCBC have received from virtually all segments of the region is a strong indicator of the level of dedication that Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Benito Counties have invested in the success of this initiative.

Thank you for your consideration of our submission. If I may be of further assistance, please do contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dr. George W. "Chip" Lenno
Chief Information Officer



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March 22, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Re: Support for ARRA Stimulus Funds Application Round 2 – Central Coast Broadband

The University of California, Santa Cruz strongly supports the CCBC proposal to add new fiber-based data communications in Santa Cruz, Monterey and San Benito counties. We believe the region will greatly benefit from the added diversity of services and hardening provided by independent varied fiber pathways. We note that the proposed fiber footprint will give us more direct connections to peer research and teaching institutions in our area. This implementation will make local collaborations both easier and less expensive. Had such a connection been in place when we experienced a major fiber cut in 2009, we would probably not have experienced the nearly twenty-four hour communication loss to the UCSC campus and Santa Cruz community.

UCSC has a critical need for dark fiber infrastructure, which provides the capability to provision wavelength-switched circuits on-demand. This capability is essential to meet the growing requirements of cutting-edge research performed by the University. There are no sources (commercial or otherwise) for such infrastructure in the region. In addition, IT Services at UCSC directly and indirectly spends several hundred thousand dollars a year on carrier-provided communications services. Several of our services to satellite facilities in Monterey County could cost-effectively be switched to the CCBC network when it becomes operational.

UCSC has contributed and will continue to contribute the time of some of our most highly skilled staff engineers to support this project. As we see it, the public/private partnerships represented in this proposal illustrate an impressive level of cooperation, collaboration and commitment to the improvement of regional communication infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to work as collaborators on this important initiative.

Sincerely,

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Mary Doyle, PhD
Vice Chancellor Information Technology

Cc: Donna Blitzer, University Relations
Bruce Margon, Office of Research
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March 24, 2010

To: The Central Coast Broadband Consortium

RE: Support for the Broadband Stimulus Funds Application

The Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade (BSVFB) is one of only a small number of volunteer fire brigades in Monterey County. Our area of responsibility stretches along California Route One from Hurricane Point at mile marker 58.0 south to the Monterey county line at mile marker U.D. Funding for the Brigade is primarily through donations and grants.

The BSVFB was actively involved in fighting the Basin Complex and Chalk Fires of 2008, the third largest fire in California history. Communications is an integral part of fire fighting and during this disaster, communications was at best intermittent and worst, not even possible. The rugged and mountainous terrain of the Big Sur coast presents a unique challenge for implementing a reliable communications system.

A broadband network running the length of California Route One, would provide for a reliable and necessary communications infrastructure that would allow for voice over Internet and real-time fire mapping and weather conditions.

With outside fire companies and law enforcement coming into Big Sur during these large fire storms, implementation of a broadband system would enable a standard for a reliable communications network not only among outside groups, but among the local sheriff, CHP, Big Sur Health Center, St. Parks, USFS and the Fire Brigade network as well.

On a daily basis, the Fire Brigade responds to local fires, winter flash floods and mudslides, medical emergencies, traffic accidents, search and rescue and rescues of individuals in vehicles that drive off the steep roadway cliffs. Again, a robust broadband infrastructure along California Route One would allow for reliable communications within this difficult terrain where line of sight VHF and UHF radios breaks down.

The Big Sur Fire Department would be pleased to commit a location for a node that would have not only benefit for disaster related purposes, but for the benefit of the whole community including schools, Health Centers and our Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). We look forward to discussing this opportunity. The market lease value of this property would be approximately \$1,500 per month.

The BSVFB is in full support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) and its efforts in applying for the very much needed broadband grants.

Sincerely,

Martha Karstens, Chief
Big Sur Volunteer Fire Brigade



March 26, 2010

Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington DC

RE: Support for the Broadband Stimulus Funds Application:

Dear Secretary Strickling:

The Big Sur Health Center (BSHC), an independent, state-licensed, not-for-profit, community clinic, serves the 2,000 residents of Big Sur, commuting workers, and 3,000,000+ tourists who visit the area annually. As the only medical facility between the Monterey Peninsula (30 miles to the north) and Cambria (70 miles to the south), BSHC provides local, culturally and linguistically appropriate, affordable, quality medical care.

For the hazardous coastline of Big Sur, during extreme weather conditions, road closures, frequent large-scale fires, mudslides, flooding,, BSHC provides 24-hour-on-call service, home welfare visits, medication service (at times, via helicopter transport) and coordination with local emergency teams. Phone lines go down; emergency radios and cell phones don't work in some rugged terrain. Communication is vital, and difficult.

During the summer and fall of 2008, Big Sur was devastated by the third largest forest fire in California's history. USFS & BSHS staffed two base camp medical clinics, avoiding long travel to the emergency room and providing immediate on-site evaluation and treatment, so that fire personnel could return to their crews to continue their important work. Emergency communication was often hindered due to lines being over capacity. After 34 days, USFS calculated that the clinics, which treated over 1300 patients, saved USFS over \$2 million.

To assure disaster protection, long-term management, and exchange of critical patient data, BSHC has: T1 data transfer capabilities; patient health documents in a PM/EMR system (eClinicalWorks); a contract with Community Clinics Health Network (CCHN), a non-profit technical services organization, to host the eCW system;; participation in California Telehealth Network's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, when the network becomes available to our area; explored links with Community Hospital of Monterey Peninsula (CHOMP)'s IT and lab internet systems.

BSHC supports the Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) grant application for broadband, which is a critical need for the service agencies in Big Sur. The expertise and public participation of CCBC will empower and support BSHC's vital work described above.

Sincerely,

Sharen Carey, PA-C
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March 25, 2010

Lawrence R. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
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Dear Mr. Strickling:

Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) which has a long history of providing quality primary health and dental care, and outreach services to the poor, migrant and seasonal farm workers, and area residents of the Salinas Valley. We are proud of the existing collaborative relationship that our respective organizations have enjoyed. We are happy to be part of this Consortium.

We understand that our community stands to benefit from this regional broadband initiative in many ways, including new job opportunities, public safety applications, improved efficiencies in local government, community access applications, distance education, and tele-health applications. With a high speed fiber backbone connecting the communities of the California Central Coast, it becomes viable to establish access networks to serve our diverse communities.

We recommend giving this grant proposal the highest objective review and its utmost funding consideration.

Sincerely,


Maximiliano Cuevas, MD, FCOG
Chief Executive Officer



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March 25, 2010

Central Coast Broadband Consortium
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RE: Local Match for ARRA Funds Application-Central Coast Broadband

The Central Coast Broadband Consortium (CCBC) was created to expand and/or provide regional broadband infrastructure on the Central Coast of California. In San Benito County this effort is a crucial component to the Economic Development Corp.'s goals to bring new investment, businesses and job opportunities to the area. The Economic Development Corporation has been a participant since 2008 and has contributed time and skills toward creating the foundation and promoting vision of the CCBC.

The CCBC is submitting an application for ARRA funding for broadband, which will cover the regional area of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties, this letter acknowledges our further commitment to the management and coordination of governing the CCBC by the participation of the staff of the Corporation. The amount which would be applied toward the local matching fund is equal to 15% of salary and benefits over a two (2) year period and translates to \$38,000.00.

Sincerely



Nancy A. Martin
President and CEO



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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
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Dear Mr. Secretary:

Soledad Unified School District is in full support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium's Federal Economic Stimulus grant to build a 312-mile fiber optic network that will connect the unserved and underserved areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties and provide high speed Internet service and inter-facility connectivity to government and non-profit organizations throughout this tri-county region. As a local public education agency, our district serves infants through adults with educational services. Our K-12 population is 4,255 students, 86% Latino, 33% migrant and 50% English Learners. Fifty percent of our parents have less than a 3rd grade education. Since our district is located in a rural area of South Monterey County and many of our families are unemployed or underemployed, this increased access to Internet interconnectivity is critical to bring our families and our community into the 21st century of global communication resources, allowing us to link electronically with many other agencies.

Although 90% of our families have cell phones, only 50% have Internet connectivity in their homes. Providing them with improved, affordable Internet access will enhance and improve our community's global connection and lead to increased employment, improved access to health, public safety, education, distance learning and other community outreach services. We anticipate that this project will spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth, which is sorely needed in our small, rural community.

Since our district, like many throughout the nation, is experiencing financial difficulties, any support we can receive to improve the reliability and affordability of Internet access would definitely improve the effectiveness of our district and our ability to connect with our local families and other support agencies, thus resulting in substantial benefits for our entire community.

Thank you for considering our application to provide the opportunity for residents of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties to enjoy the same affordable access to information and economic opportunities as our Silicon Valley neighbors.

Sincerely,

Linda Coyne

Linda Coyne, Director
Soledad Adult School



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March 19, 2010

The Honorable Secretary Larry Strickling, Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications Information Administration
US Department of Commerce
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Soledad Unified School District is in full support of the Central Coast Broadband Consortium's Federal Economic Stimulus grant to build a 312-mile fiber optic network that will connect the unserved and underserved areas of Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties and provide high speed Internet service and inter-facility connectivity to government and non-profit organizations throughout this tri-county region. As a local public education agency, our district serves infants through adults with educational services. Our K-12 population is 4,255 students, 86% Latino, 33% migrant and 50% English Learners. Fifty percent of our parents have less than a 3rd grade education. Since our district is located in a rural area of South Monterey County and many of our families are unemployed or underemployed, this increased access to Internet interconnectivity is critical to bring our families and our community into the 21st century of global communication resources, allowing us to link electronically with many other agencies.

Although 90% of our families have cell phones, only 50% have Internet connectivity in their homes. Providing them with improved, affordable Internet access will enhance and improve our community's global connection and lead to increased employment, improved access to health, public safety, education, distance learning and other community outreach services. We anticipate that this project will spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth, which is sorely needed in our small, rural community.

Since our district, like many throughout the nation, is experiencing financial difficulties, any support we can receive to improve the reliability and affordability of Internet access would definitely improve the effectiveness of our district and our ability to connect with our local families and other support agencies, thus resulting in substantial benefits for our entire community.

Thank you for considering our application to provide the opportunity for residents of Santa Cruz, San Benito and Monterey Counties to enjoy the same affordable access to information and economic opportunities as our Silicon Valley neighbors.

Sincerely,

Jorge Guzman

Jorge Guzman, District Superintendent