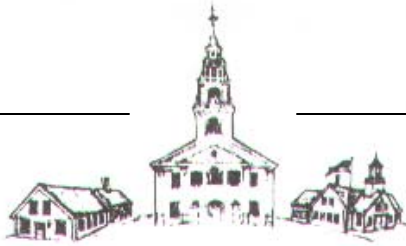


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The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
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1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Re: Network New Hampshire Now (#4248)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of the Town of Acworth, we wish to express our support for the statewide broadband proposal titled Network New Hampshire Now (#4248) submitted by the University of New Hampshire to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Our town is impacted directly by a lack of available connectivity and by the high cost of connectivity due to insufficient supply and inadequate price competition in New Hampshire.

Acworth is a small community (population 900+) located outside of main state transportation arteries. As a result access which has reached even neighboring towns has not been brought here because of the limited promise of return for investment. In addition the Town is characterized by topography which makes transmission/reception difficult. Broadband access would be especially valuable to our Town offices which deal regularly with the limitations of a dial up system.

Please allow this letter to also serve as a notice of interest in purchasing services from the NH Fastroads Network, should the network be constructed.

For these reasons, we are enthusiastically committed to New Hampshire's efforts at constructing the Network New Hampshire Now Project. We encourage the funding and construction of this project, and we look forward to being a customer of the finished network.

Sincerely,

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Tom Esslinger
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