



March 8, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling

Assistant Secretary of Communications and Information  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
1401 Constitution Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program, CCI Program

On behalf of New Hampshire Public Television, I am writing in support of the State of New Hampshire application under the Broadband Opportunities Technology Programs (BTOP). This comprehensive proposal addresses the critical infrastructure needs in New Hampshire for core institutions and public safety and will provide open access to commercial providers for last mile deployment of broadband. The University of New Hampshire is the designated applicant for the State of New Hampshire and will serve as the entity of authority during the implementation phase.

In one particular part of this application, the shared microwave wireless network, State agencies and New Hampshire Public Television have worked diligently to find areas where there are existing separate microwave and public safety infrastructure that can be improved to the betterment of the state and its citizens. By utilizing ARRA funds these agencies and NHPTV can consolidate radio equipment and combine antennas thereby freeing premium tower space for broadband use by commercial partners contained in this grant application. With the awarding of this grant, state agencies will be able to negotiate agreements with a fiber vendor to secure greater bandwidth through incentivized build out of these remote mountaintop areas. This provides an excellent return on investment, and meets the key criterion of serving public safety, citizens of New Hampshire, and anchor institutions in the state through the BTOP's program.

For New Hampshire Public Television, as the New Hampshire's only statewide network, this grant will allow the station to enhance its service to its residents through expanded educational and general audience program services. Specially, it will allow us to provide broadband education for job retraining, enhance professional development, and to bring the state together by utilizing technology to foster citizen participation in deliberative discussions. At the heart of this project is the ability of every citizen to participate from their key remote communities around the state. It will further provide a robust means of delivering high-speed data to public safety vehicles utilizing New Hampshire Public Television's DTV transmitters and mobile datacasting.

This project represents far more than a request for funding; it is the culmination of collaboration and effort between diverse agencies and stakeholders. By providing us with the opportunity to purchase new technology, you have also stimulated the discussion by which we work together to integrate our wireless tower sites and state middle-mile backbone.

New Hampshire Public Television is committed to the partnership and will provide \$170,000 of funding as a match for the project.

We urge you to consider this application for funding and I look forward to working with our partners to assist in its implementation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Peter A. Frid". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Peter A. Frid  
President and CEO