



March 23, 2010

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: Network New Hampshire Now (Application #4248)

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling;

We have recently become aware of statewide broadband proposal submitted by the University of New Hampshire to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program. Erigo Technologies LLC is a small five year old engineering services business located in Enfield NH with clients through out the United States and overseas. One of the elements of this application will bring broad band fiber to this area as well as direct connections to homes and business in Enfield. There is no question – we strongly support the application and the significant opportunity it represents for the Town of Enfield, Erigo and other local businesses.

We at Erigo have been following closely the work over the past several years of the multi community West Central New Hampshire.net group to bring true broadband to the Upper Valley. These activities are of particular interest since our business clients include several Department of Defense agencies, NASA and companies throughout the United States as well as overseas. Our ability to reliably communicate electronically with them is key to our past and continued business success.

Today we have arrangements with both Verizon and ComCast to provide sufficient bandwidth to reliable support our baseline communications needs. However even those together are insufficient to provide high quality reliable video conferencing – a capability that we have been desiring for some time, and that is necessary if we are to remain in Enfield while expanding our project management and technical participation in projects central to our future growth.

We are fully supportive of and committed to New Hampshire's efforts in constructing the Network New Hampshire Project. We solicit your support in seeing that the project is funded and eagerly anticipate taking advantage of the advanced capabilities it offers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wm. R. Baschnagel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Wm. R. Baschnagel
Vice President Operations
Erigo Technologies LLC