

March 24, 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 (#4248)**

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

On behalf of Monadnock Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) I wish to express our commitment to partnering with the University of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Community Development Finance Authority (NH-CDFIA), communities, anchor institutions and other partners to submit a joint application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) Round 2 program.

New Hampshire FastRoads (FastRoads), our key community fiber to the premises (FTTP) network system, is not yet an incorporated entity. MEDC, a 25-year-old non-profit, economic development corporation in Keene, NH, will act as the FastRoads initial fiscal agent and receive loans and grants on its behalf that will be used for matching funds for middle and last mile activities included in the Network New Hampshire Now grant application for BTOP funding. Specifically, those loans include:

- ✓ Business Finance Authority – loan of \$1.3 million.
- ✓ New Hampshire Community Loan Fund – loan of \$1 million.

The FastRoads portion of the BTOP application constitutes a \$7.7 million project. Match on this portion of the application is: \$2.31 million.

Sincerely,



Jack Dugan  
President