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Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary
Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

This letter serves as the State of Nebraska's comments on the applications received for the second round of grant funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) created by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

Given the amount of information available and our initial review the proposed projects, we have chosen to comment on two highly recommended infrastructure projects that meet the strategic goals of the State of Nebraska for broadband deployment and adoption.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

- **Applicant: NEBRASKALINK, LLC**
  Application ID: 6002
  Title: Connecting Nebraska Communities -- A High-Speed Broadband Network for All of Nebraska
  Project type: Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
  Comments: This project would provide substantial improvements to the broadband infrastructure of a large portion of the State and is consistent with State priorities for enhancing broadband access, particularly in rural areas. The seven rural telecommunication providers involved in this project are established companies in Nebraska and understand the needs of their customers and the State.
- **Applicant: PINPOINT NETWORK SOLUTIONS LLC**
  Application ID: 7463
  Title: Nebraska Advanced Broadband Network
  Project type: Comprehensive Community Infrastructure

Comments: This project would provide substantial improvements to the broadband infrastructure of a large portion of the State and is consistent with State priorities for enhancing broadband access, particularly in rural areas. The applicant is an established company in Nebraska and understands the needs of their customers and the State.

We were pleased with the projects submitted on behalf of Nebraska and believe many of them have merit. Our lack of comments on any particular project should not be interpreted as a lack of support.

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on these BTOP applications, if you have any questions about these recommendations, please contact Brenda Decker, Chief Information Officer, at 402-471-3717.

Sincerely,

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