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To: Garrey Curry
From: Brandon Davis, Executive Director
Date: 9/20/2021
Re: Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) Grant Application Overview

Mr. Curry:

At the request of Chair Donehey, I am providing a written overview regarding the Northern Shenandoah Valley Regional Commission's regional VATI grant application. In an effort to try to convey the specific information requested while preserving the competitiveness of the regional application, I have structured this overview in a question-and-answer format.

Who is the potential grantor?

The Commonwealth of Virginia, via the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)

Who is the grant applicant?

NSVRC is the grant applicant, having submitted the consolidated regional application.

What Counties are represented in the application?

Augusta, Rockingham, Page, Warren, Rappahannock, Fauquier, Clark, and Frederick Counties

When do we expect the grant awards to be announced?

December 2021

Why was NSVRC the applicant?

NSVRC's reason for being the VATI applicant is twofold. First, by submitting one consolidated regional application, the application becomes inherently more competitive in accordance with the VATI scoring rubric. Second, by having NSVRC serve as the applicant, and thereby the grantee, grant compliance manager, and fiscal administrator, the grant administration process becomes exponentially more cost effective. Rather than having DHCD and eight counties individually managing eight separate grants, we have one agent managing one consolidated grant.

Who is the Internet Service Provider (ISP)?

All Points Broadband (APB)

What are the next steps?

We are focused on the work of supporting our communities through the challenges that are sure to come during the next several months of grant application review. Should formal challenges be submitted to DHCD, NSVRC, with leadership provided by All Points Broadband, will review and respond to challenges in accordance with VATI program guidelines. Should specific support from individual localities be needed, NSVRC will work with County staff to acquire the necessary information to provide competent responses.

When will the County match be needed?

Should the grant application be awarded, the County's match funding would likely be invoiced by NSVRC in stages as a reimbursement during the development phase of the project. That said, it is too early to begin predicting a firm timetable for deployment, since the grant application has not yet been approved or even reviewed by the grantor. If awarded, NSVRC would be required to execute a grant contract with DHCD. Such contract execution would occur only after subgrantee agreements or memorandums of understanding with each County.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brandon P. Davis".

Brandon P. Davis
NSVRC Executive Director