



April 30, 2010

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling  
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
United States Department of Commerce  
HCHB, Room 4812  
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

On behalf of the Sauk-Suiattle Tribal Council, we are pleased to provide our input on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications that impact our lands.

As you know broadband penetration is less than 10% on tribal lands. Our communities need access to affordable broadband. It is vital to improving the economic and social condition of our population. Broadband will enable distance learning, e-health and e-government initiatives and enhance public safety.

In the Middle Mile Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) Broadband Grant Category we give our Highest Recommendation for BTOP Grant Funding to Native Broadband Satellite (Application ID #4468). Native Broadband will bring affordable and ubiquitous broadband to our communities.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

Eric Armstrong Director of Information Technology  
Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe