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To: Arizona Anchor Institution Data Providers
From: State Broadband Mapping Project

The State of Arizona has been awarded a major grant from the U.S. Dept. of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in order to collect broadband access data across the State for analysis and mapping purposes. The grant is being managed by Arizona's Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) in conjunction with the Arizona State Land Department (ASLD) and the State Cartographer's Office to meet federal data submittal requirements and contribute to an overall national broadband map, as well as create an interactive Arizona Broadband Map to inform Arizona policy makers and help determine where future improvements in policy, process, and infrastructure should be supported in our state.

We are reaching out to you to solicit submittal of information required by the grant and needed by the State for planning broadband development and deployment. Community Anchor Institutions include schools, libraries, medical and healthcare providers, public safety entities, community colleges and other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities. If available, information regarding broadband access for your facilities is also requested. The collected data will be used to estimate the availability of broadband services throughout the State of Arizona and will be entered into a Geographic Information System (GIS) for display and analysis.

The NTIA has set specific requirements for data, data format, and the completeness of the data we provide. We will need to format this data to be consistent with the standards from the NTIA in their published NOFA Technical Appendix of July 8, 2009 and the clarification published on August 7, 2009.

The NTIA has set a very aggressive schedule for delivery of the first set of data. In addition, we will need to refresh and update this data over the next several years to track the progress of development of broadband services throughout our state.

We are attaching a Technical Appendix to provide guidelines and a table to assist you in understanding data requirements and submitting your data in a convenient and useful manner. Further, we are available to provide support for this process and answer your questions.

As we collect and verify your broadband data, it will be loaded to a secure State repository. We will work to build a proactive feedback loop with you to share and make use of this information for further investigation and data refinement. Hopefully, this will help improve all or our awareness of underserved areas where infrastructure and/or other outreach efforts may be targeted.



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The State of Arizona asks that you proactively engage with us as we seek to meet the aggressive project timelines and first deliverables. Your assistance and support will be most appreciated. Please note the following points of contact:

- Overall questions or concerns regarding the federal grant and use of the data, please contact Galen Updike, GITA's Director of Telecom Development at (602) 364-4794 or gupdike@azgita.gov.
- Questions regarding assistance in providing requested information, please contact Gene Trobia, Arizona State Cartographer at (602) 542-3190 or gtrobia@land.az.gov.
- For technical questions, issues with data requirements, formatting, and data submittal, please contact Tapas Das at (602) 542-3194 or tdas@land.az.gov or Tim Colman at (602) 542-3249 or tcolman@land.az.gov.

We look forward to continuing the dialogue and taking the next steps with you. Thank you in advance for your assistance and support. We will be contacting you shortly in regards to this request and to gain a better understanding of data that you may have or can assist us in developing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Galen Updike".

Galen Updike
Director of Telecommunications, GITA

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gene Trobia".

Gene Trobia
Arizona State Cartographer, ASLD