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Virginia Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
Richmond, Virginia
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Subject: Letter of Intent for BEAD Program Funding Application

Dear Office of Broadband Team,

Appalachian Broadband Innovators is pleased to submit this Letter of Intent to apply for funding under the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. As a dedicated broadband infrastructure provider, our mission is to address the critical connectivity needs of unserved and underserved communities in the Appalachian region and beyond.

Applicant Information

Appalachian Broadband Innovators, headquartered at 406 Foggy Bottom Lane, Hiltons, VA 24258, is a trusted provider with a deep commitment to deploying innovative broadband solutions that enable equitable access to digital services. Our team has successfully implemented SpaceX Starlink high speed broadband equipment across rural communities in southwest Virginia, serving over 877 households and businesses. We prioritize partnerships with local communities to ensure tailored, sustainable, and high-impact solutions, especially in areas where other options are not economically feasible or will take extended periods of time to implement.

Qualifications

We are uniquely positioned to support the BEAD Program's mission of achieving universal broadband access through:

- **Innovative Infrastructure Solutions:** Expertise in deploying low earth orbit satellite broadband technologies to meet diverse geographic and demographic needs.
- **Proven Impact:** A track record of increasing broadband availability and reliability in historically underserved areas.
- **Community Engagement:** Strong relationships with regional stakeholders to align infrastructure projects with local priorities and maximize adoption rates.

Intent

Appalachian Broadband Innovators intends to expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas of Virginia, focusing on:

- Delivering high-speed, reliable broadband access to rural households, businesses, and community anchor institutions, including schools, libraries, and healthcare facilities.
- Closing the digital divide to foster economic development, educational opportunities, and telehealth access.
- Deploying solutions in areas where other options are not economically feasible or will take extended periods of time to implement, ensuring timely and cost-effective service delivery.
- Collaborating with state and local stakeholders to identify and prioritize areas of need while ensuring compliance with BEAD Program requirements.

We are confident that our innovative solutions, experienced team, and deep commitment to connectivity equity will significantly advance Virginia's broadband goals. We look forward to the opportunity to submit a full proposal and work collaboratively with the Office of Broadband to bring transformative change to communities in need.

Thank you for considering this Letter of Intent. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or requests for additional information.

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