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Department of Housing and Community Development
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Date: October 2, 2024

Subject: Letter of Intent to Apply for BEAD Program

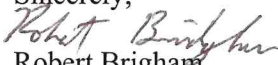
Dear Dr. Holmes:

On behalf of the Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA), I am declaring our intent to participate in the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment program (BEAD) and apply for locations within the Counties of Accomack and Northampton to provide 100% ubiquitous coverage of the Eastern Shore of Virginia.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA) will serve as the as the recipient of, and administering agent for, any BEAD program award for this eligible sub-grantee. The following individual will serve as the point of contact for all correspondence:

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The Eastern Shore of Virginia Broadband Authority (ESVBA) is also requesting \$200,000 in initial planning funds. The ESVBA has demonstrated a strong effort in closing the digital divide here on the Shore and our intention is to efficiently use funding from this program to close that gap. We look forward to working with the Department of Housing and Community Development, thank you.

Sincerely,

Robert Bridgham
Executive Director, ESVBA