Fastlink Communications LLC 14539 Fancy Gap Highway Cana, VA 24317

November 22, 2024

Virginia Office of Broadband 600 East Main St. Richmond, VA 23219

Subject: Letter of Intent to Submit Bids for BEAD Funding

Dear Virginia Office of Broadband,

Fastlink Communications LLC (Fastlink) is pleased to submit this letter of intent regarding its forthcoming proposals for the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) funding opportunities. For over ten years, Fastlink has proudly provided reliable internet service to Carroll County, Virginia. During this period, Fastlink has grown its customer base to serve over 600 households and businesses through its fixed wireless network, contributing significantly to the region's connectivity and digital inclusion efforts.

In alignment with its commitment to improving and expanding broadband infrastructure, Fastlink Communications is prepared to extend its capabilities by introducing Fiber-To-The-Home (FTTH) services within Carroll County. This expansion will significantly enhance service quality, reliability, speed and accessibility for the communities it serves, supporting economic development and meeting the evolving needs of residents and businesses.

The expertise of Fastlink's team positions the company to successfully execute this expansion, with specialization in physical buildouts, network architecture, optical communication and network management. The company's extensive experience as an Internet Service Provider over the past decade ensures it has the capabilities not only to successfully manage the network after the build-out but also to provide last-mile connections to homes, ensuring robust and reliable service delivery.

Fastlink anticipates submitting proposals that focus on specific areas in Carroll County where increased broadband coverage is most urgently needed. For convenience and review, details on these proposed areas are included in the attached document.

Broadband access is essential for economic growth, education, and community development. These are values that Fastlink is deeply committed to supporting. By leveraging its expertise and local presence, the company is committed to bridging the digital divide in Carroll County and beyond.

Fastlink appreciates the opportunity to support Virginia's broadband initiatives and looks forward to collaborating with the Office of Broadband to enhance digital equity across Carroll County. Please do not hesitate to contact Fastlink with any questions or for further information.

Sincerely,

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ENCLOSURE: ZTCAs To Receive Applications from Fastlink

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Below is a list of ZTCAs that Fastlink Communications LLC (Fastlink) anticipates submitting applications for:

24053-Carroll

24120-Carroll

24317-Carroll

24317-Patrick

24325-Carroll

24328-Carroll

24328-Patrick

24333-Carroll

24343-Carroll

24352-Carroll

24380-Carroll

24381-Carroll

The cities and named communities within those ZTCAs include:

Cana

Dugspur

Fancy Gap

Lambsburg

Laurel Fork

Pipers Gap

Sylvatus

Woodlawn