

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Office of Broadband
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Letter of Intent to Participate in Virginia’s BEAD Program

Dear Office of Broadband,

Planet Networks, Inc. (operating as Kinex Telecom in Virginia) submits this Letter of Intent to participate in Virginia’s Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Program. Our company is dedicated to addressing broadband disparities and enhancing access to high-speed internet in unserved and underserved areas across the Commonwealth, including unserved community anchor institutions.

About Kinex Telecom and Planet Networks, Inc.

For 22 years, Kinex Telecom has proudly served Central Virginia, providing high-speed internet to homes, businesses, and community anchor institutions. We are deeply committed to the success and growth of the communities we serve. With a focus on reliability, affordability, and innovation, Kinex Telecom has played an integral role in enhancing connectivity for education, healthcare, business, and community development. Under the leadership and resources of Planet Networks, Inc., Kinex Telecom is well-equipped to expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas. Our expertise includes:

- Designing and deploying next-generation fiber networks for gigabit-speed internet.
- Establishing strong relationships with local governments and organizations to meet unique community needs.
- Providing customized connectivity solutions that empower rural and underserved regions.

Commitment to Virginia’s Broadband Expansion

Through the BEAD program, Planet Networks, Inc., operating as Kinex Telecom, aims to continue its legacy of enhancing connectivity in Central Virginia and beyond. We intend to provide broadband service to unserved and underserved areas and anchor institutions in the cities and counties listed in the attached document. These areas have been identified as critical for addressing the digital divide.

We are proud of our history and ongoing dedication to Virginia's communities. By leveraging our decades of experience and cutting-edge technology, we are committed to fostering economic growth, educational opportunities, and overall quality of life through reliable broadband access.

We formally request that the attached list of counties and cities be exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

We look forward to collaborating with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Broadband to advance equitable access to high-speed internet for all Virginians.

For further correspondence or additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 804-356-4452 or via email at andrew@planet.net.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: List of Counties and Cities (Exempt from FOIA)

Prince Edward County
Farmville
Pamplin
Lunenburg County
Victoria
Kenbridge
Cumberland County
Cumberland
Buckingham County
Dillwyn
Charlotte County
Charlotte Courthouse
Phenix
Keysville
Drakes Branch
County of Appomattox
Town of Appomattox
Amelia County
Amelia Courthouse
Nottoway County
Burkeville
Crewe
Blackstone

Franklin County
Pittsylvania County
Halifax County
Campbell County
Brunswick County
Dinwiddie County
Sussex County
Chesterfield County
Bedford County
Lynchburg
Rustburg
South Hill
Danville
Martinsville
Chatham
Rocky Mounty
Bedford
Brookneal
Powhatan County