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November 28th, 2024

Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development
Office of Broadband
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, VA 23219
broadband@dhcd.virginia.gov

Re: Letter of Intent to Apply for BEAD Program Funding

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am writing on behalf of RURALBAND, a Prince George Electric Cooperative affiliate, to express our intent to apply for funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (“BEAD”) Program. RURALBAND has a proven track record of delivering reliable, high-speed broadband access to rural communities in Prince George Electric Cooperative’s service territory.

As an electric cooperative-affiliated provider, RURALBAND is uniquely positioned to expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved locations throughout Virginia. RURALBAND has focused on connecting communities that lack adequate access to reliable internet, bridging the digital divide for its members, businesses, and community anchor institutions such as schools, libraries, healthcare facilities, and public safety organizations.

As required, enclosed is a list of counties and cities RURALBAND may apply to serve under the BEAD program. Please consider this list confidential and exempt from the Freedom of Information Act, as permitted.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in this initiative and look forward to collaborating with the Office of Broadband. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding this letter of intent.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarat Yellepeddi", is written over a circular stamp or seal.

Sarat Yellepeddi, CEO
RURALBAND

Enclosure



Counties & Cities for RURALBAND LOI

Prince George County
Surry County
Sussex County
Dinwiddie County
Isle Of Wight County
South Hampton County