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Via email: broadband@dhcd.virginia.gov

## Re: Verizon's BEAD Letter of Intent

Dear Dr. Holmes:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this Letter of Intent for Virginia's Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) Grant Program. This Letter is submitted by Verizon Virginia LLC, Verizon South Inc., and Cellco Partnership d.b.a. Verizon Wireless (collectively, "Verizon"), which are Verizon's primary entities offering broadband services in the Commonwealth. Attached as Exhibit A is a list of counties and cities that Verizon might apply to serve with broadband access under the BEAD program.

Verizon is eager to work with VATI to deploy broadband to eligible locations through the BEAD Program using our fiber-to-the-premises technology or our fixed wireless access technology. We are also interested in working with the Commonwealth on opportunities for non-deployment funding to support broadband infrastructure.

**The Verizon ILECs.** Verizon Virginia LLC and Verizon South Inc. (collectively, the "Verizon ILECs") are experienced providers with a highly trained and directly represented workforce. The Verizon ILECs have already deployed Fios broadband in parts of 45 counties or cities in Virginia, and we have deep experience with subsidized broadband builds, including a fiber project completed earlier this year in Bedford County and ongoing fiber projects in Caroline, Greensville, and Prince William Counties.

The Verizon ILECs trace their roots to the 1903 formation of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Virginia (later, Bell Atlantic) and the 1934 founding of General Telephone & Electronics Corporation (GTE). Bell Atlantic and GTE Dr. Tamarah Holmes November 22, 2024 Page 2 of 2

merged in 2000 to create Verizon. In 2004, the Verizon ILECs and affiliates became the first in the U.S. to begin building residential FTTP broadband networks at scale.

**Verizon Wireless.** Through its predecessor companies like Alltel, Bell Atlantic, AirTouch, and GTE, Verizon Wireless has provided wireless service in Virginia for over 30 years. During that time we have grown our business to nearly 4 million Virginia customers with services like mobile wireless, mobile broadband, and 5G Home Internet.

**Reliable, Fast, and Affordable Broadband.** As local, regional, national, and global network operators, Verizon and our affiliates provide high network reliability for customers to access the global Internet. Verizon Fios is consistently recognized for excellence. In J.D. Power's October 2024 U.S. Residential Internet Service Provider Satisfaction Study, Verizon and our affiliates ranked highest in the East region (which includes Virginia) for the 12th consecutive year. And for the 32nd consecutive time, J.D. Power's 2024 U.S. Wireless Network Quality Performance Study, Volume 1, ranked Verizon Wireless as the most awarded brand for Wireless Network Quality. For both wireline and wireless, we offer competitively priced service plans, as well as our Verizon Forward discount for qualifying customers.

**A Specific Work Plan.** At the bidding stage, Verizon will present a specific plan for delivering services. We will execute the plan under our proven design and project management methodology, working with Verizon's over 6,000 Virginia-based employees, including skilled and experienced field-based personnel.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to provide this Letter of Intent. Verizon knows the positive impact that broadband services will have in the community, and we are excited to submit to participate in the BEAD Program. Verizon's primary contact is Ms. April Brumfield, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, available at (214) 770-8751 or april.brumfield@verizon.com. The secondary contact is Mr. Christopher DeBosier, Associate Vice President, Network Regulatory Strategy, available at (202) 536-8207 or christopher.debosier@verizon.com.

Respectfully,

Anthony A. Lewis Vice President, State Government Affairs

## Exhibit A to Verizon's Letter of Intent

## List of Virginia counties and cities that Verizon might apply to serve with broadband access under the BEAD program:

- 1. Accomack County
- 2. Albemarle County
- 3. Alexandria City
- 4. Alleghany County
- 5. Amelia County
- 6. Amherst County
- 7. Appomattox County
- 8. Arlington County
- 9. Augusta County
- 10. Bath County
- 11. Bedford County
- 12. Bland County
- 13. Botetourt County
- 14. Brunswick County
- 15. Bristol City
- 16. Buchanan County
- 17. Buckingham County
- 18. Buena Vista City
- 19. Campbell County
- 20. Caroline County
- 21. Carroll County
- 22. Charles City County
- 23. Charlotte County
- 24. Charlottesville City
- 25. Chesapeake City
- 26. Chesterfield County

- 27. Clarke County
- 28. Colonial Heights City
- 29. Covington City
- 30. Craig County
- 31. Culpeper County
- 32. Cumberland County
- 33. Danville City
- 34. Dickenson County
- 35. Dinwiddie County
- 36. Emporia City
- 37. Essex County
- 38. Fairfax County
- 39. Fairfax City
- 40. Falls Church City
- 41. Fauquier County
- 42. Floyd County
- 43. Fluvanna County
- 44. Franklin County
- 45. Franklin City
- 46. Frederick County
- 47. Fredericksburg City
- 48. Galax City
- 49. Giles County
- 50. Gloucester County
- 51. Goochland County
- 52. Grayson County
- 53. Greene County
- 54. Greensville County
- 55. Halifax County
- 56. Hampton City

- 57. Hanover County
- 58. Harrisonburg City
- 59. Henrico County
- 60. Henry County
- 61. Highland County
- 62. Hopewell City
- 63. Isle of Wight County
- 64. James City County
- 65. King and Queen County
- 66. King George County
- 67. King William County
- 68. Lancaster County
- 69. Lee County
- 70. Lexington City
- 71. Loudoun County
- 72. Louisa County
- 73. Lunenburg County
- 74. Lynchburg City
- 75. Madison County
- 76. Manassas City
- 77. Manassas Park City
- 78. Martinsville City
- 79. Mathews County
- 80. Mecklenburg County
- 81. Middlesex County
- 82. Montgomery County
- 83. Nelson County
- 84. New Kent County
- 85. Newport News City
- 86. Norfolk City

- 87. Northampton County
- 88. Northumberland County
- 89. Norton City
- 90. Nottoway County
- 91. Orange County
- 92. Page County
- 93. Patrick County
- 94. Petersburg City
- 95. Pittsylvania County
- 96. Poquoson City
- 97. Portsmouth City
- 98. Powhatan County
- 99. Prince Edward County
- 100. Prince George County
- 101. Prince William County
- 102. Pulaski County
- 103. Radford City
- 104. Rappahannock County
- 105. Richmond County
- 106. Richmond City
- 107. Roanoke County
- 108. Roanoke City
- 109. Rockbridge County
- 110. Rockingham County
- 111. Russell County
- 112. Salem City
- 113. Scott County
- 114. Shenandoah County
- 115. Smyth County
- 116. Southampton County

- 117. Spotsylvania County
- 118. Stafford County
- 119. Staunton City
- 120. Suffolk City
- 121. Surry County
- 122. Sussex County
- 123. Tazewell County
- 124. Virginia Beach City
- 125. Warren County
- 126. Washington County
- 127. Waynesboro City
- 128. Westmoreland County
- 129. Williamsburg City
- 130. Winchester City
- 131. Wise County
- 132. Wythe County
- 133. York County