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Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D
Director
Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Ste 300
Richmond, VA 23219

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that the Bedford County Broadband Authority in partnership with one or more private internet service providers plan to submit an application(s) for the FY2023 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI).

Even after the 2022 VATI grant awards, there are sporadic areas in the County without broadband and/or with cost-prohibitive long drops to connect. Therefore, Bedford County intends to submit an application to complete the effort to achieve universal broadband coverage. Further, Bedford County will explore opportunities for regional partnerships to strengthen this application.

John Putney, Broadband Coordinator, will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at: 122 E. Main Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523 or at (540) 810-8041 or jputney@bedfordcountyva.gov.

Bedford County understands this VATI Application Notice is required to submit an application for the 2023 the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and this notice is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Sincerely,

Robert Hiss
County Administrator

c: John Putney, Broadband Coordinator