



DOYON

Limited

May 27, 2010

3201 C Street, Suite 750
Anchorage, Alaska 99503-3934
(907) 375-4220
www.doyon.com

Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Mr. Strickling:

I am writing in response to your letter requesting Doyon, Limited's input on the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant applications that impact our shareholders.

Doyon, Limited is the Native regional corporation for Interior Alaska. It is a for-profit corporation with more than 17,550 Alaska Native shareholders. Doyon's mission is to continually enhance our position as a financially strong Native corporation in order to promote the economic and social well-being of our shareholders and future shareholders, to strengthen our Native way of life and to protect and enhance our land and resources.

Our region in Alaska is rural and remote with very limited broadband connectivity. Our communities need access to affordable broadband. It is vital to improving the economic and social condition of our population.

Therefore, in the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) Broadband Grant Category, we highly recommend BTOP Grant Funding for Native Broadband Satellite (Application ID #4468).

Native Broadband will deploy Satellite technology to provide middle mile service in Alaska and parts of the Western United States. Satellite technology holds the greatest promise for deploying broadband in our region which is characterized, in much part, by low population densities and rugged terrain. With the unique inland geography of Alaska and our region in particular, satellite technology is the only way to bring affordable access to all of Alaska. With recent advances in technology that make the service highly reliable even in extreme weather, Native Broadband is the best BTOP project to bring America's largest state on an equal telecommunications footing with the rest of the nation.

We note that Doyon, Limited is one of several Alaska Native Corporations that is backing Native Broadband in its grant application. We hope that our commitment to Native Broadband further underscores and demonstrates to you the vital importance of the Native Broadband project to our shareholders.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

Aaron M. Schutt, Sr. Vice President and Chief Operating Officer
Doyon, Limited