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*March 9, 2010*

Jim Dolgonas, President and CEO  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for Corporation of Education Network Initiatives in California's (CENIC) Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including Tuolumne County, home of many historic gold mining towns, the pristine Emigrant Wilderness, and the world-renowned Yosemite National Park.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Retail, recreational services, food processing, manufacturing, and construction industries, in addition to the timber industry, are major contributors to the Tuolumne County economy several of which have been hit hard by the recent economic downturn. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities' businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of broadband applications available online to help grow their businesses nor train or retain highly skilled workers. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the Tuolumne County Office of Education, Columbia Community College, the Tuolumne County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure, CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. Studies have shown in comparing counties with rural economies that had broadband access relatively early (by 2000) with similarly situated counties that had little or no broadband access in the same period, employment growth was higher & non-farm private earnings greater in counties with a longer history of broadband availability. With over 70% percent of Tuolumne County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, over 11.4% of County residents living below the poverty line, and an unemployment rate as of December 2009 of 14.2%, now more than ever these underserved groups and the communities in which they live deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

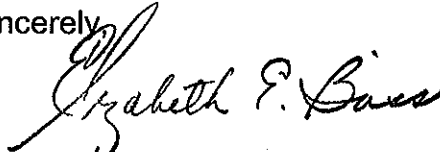
If funded, the deployment of the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will be used by Tuolumne County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs;
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace; and
3. Improve the quality of life for our residents via online access to job search engines, information on regional recreational and global entertainment outlets and social networking capabilities connecting family & friends in real-time.

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March 9, 2010  
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We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add Tuolumne County's name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,

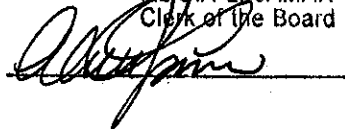


Elizabeth E. Bass, Chair

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code Section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

ALGIA L. JAMAR  
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# County of Tulare

March 23, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
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Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Tulare County Board of Supervisors is writing to show its support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in Tulare County, an area rich in history and the second-leading producer of agricultural commodities in the United States.

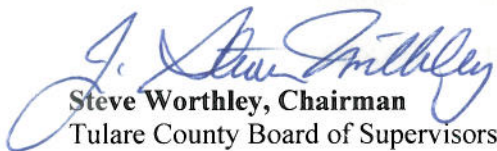
The CENIC proposal seeks to build a 500+mile fiber optic broadband network spanning nearly a third of California's land mass that will provide gigabit network and Internet connectivity throughout local communities within the project area. Tulare County is one of the 18 counties in this project area, and thus our residents stand to gain much from the CENIC proposal.

The CENIC proposal intends to directly connect the Tulare County Office of Education, the Visalia branch of the Tulare County Library and other local anchor institutions to this fiber optic network. This infrastructure will dramatically help bridge the digital divide that exists in the 18 county project area. Some smaller communities in Tulare County presently lack even reliable dial-up Internet access.

With one of the highest percentages of people living in poverty within California, Tulare County and its residents need the tools and resources a robust broadband network could provide. From job search engines and critical online job training to the improved delivery of healthcare services, broadband access is vital to reenergize county job growth and help our communities grow and thrive.

This robust network and the programs it will support once built will have a significant impact on many areas of community development and will dramatically change the ways in which our communities work and learn together. For these reasons the Tulare County Board of Supervisors registers its support for the CENIC *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan*.

Sincerely,

  
**Steve Worthley, Chairman**  
Tulare County Board of Supervisors

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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central Valley area, including Stanislaus County.

We believe that this project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Without access to high speed Internet, our community's businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of broadband applications available online to help maintain or grow their businesses, nor train or retain the highly skilled workers they need for success. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

Through successful implementation of this plan we believe that CENIC and its partners can enable local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. Stanislaus County is ranked 142<sup>nd</sup> in the nation in broadband penetration by the Federal Communications Commission; 15% of Stanislaus County residents live below the poverty line and the area has an unemployment rate as of December 2009 of 17.5%. Now more than ever, this underserved group, and the communities in which they live, require the tools, resources and potential job growth a robust network infrastructure built in the rural parts of Stanislaus County could provide.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are pleased to add our county's name to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Jeff Grover  
Chairman  
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors

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March 16, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas, President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area, including San Joaquin County, one of the original California counties, and offering a bountiful agricultural harvest from asparagus to vintage grapes.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work, and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Agriculture, leisure and hospitality services, trade/transportation and utilities, manufacturing, and the construction industry are all major contributors to the San Joaquin County economy with expansion projected in the retail, service, office and manufacturing sectors of the economy over the next few years. Unfortunately, several of these key industry sectors have been hit hard by the recent economic downturn. Without access to high speed internet, our communities businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of broadband applications available online to help maintain or grow their businesses nor train or retain the highly skilled workers they need for success. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the San Joaquin Office of Education, California State University-Stanislaus, the Stockton Multi-campus Center, San Joaquin Delta Community College, the San Joaquin County Library, as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities, to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure, CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and government agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. Studies have shown in comparing counties with rural economies that had broadband access relatively early (by 2000) with similarly situated counties that had little or no broadband access in the same period, employment growth was higher and nonfarm private earnings greater in counties with a longer history of broadband availability. With various areas of San Joaquin County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, 17.7% of San Joaquin County residents living below the poverty line, and an unemployment rate as of December 2009 of 17.1%, now more than ever, this underserved group and the communities in which they live, require the tools, resources and potential job growth a robust network infrastructure built in the rural parts of San Joaquin County could provide.

If funded, the deployment of the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will be used by San Joaquin County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county to access to Internet services at reasonable costs.
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, and retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace.
3. Increase network capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particularly those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services, as well as enhance businesses and economic development, and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our county's name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters, and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,



CARLOS VILLAPUDUA  
Chairman

c: Jerry Becker, Director  
San Joaquin County Information Systems



Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of San Joaquin, State of California

B-10-300

MOTION: Ruhstaller/Vogel/5

THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DOES HEREBY approve the Letter of Support for Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) Central Valley Next Generation Infrastructure Plan to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area, including San Joaquin County, one of the original California counties.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above order was passed and adopted on March 16, 2010 by the following vote of the Board of Supervisors, to wit:

AYES: Bestolarides, Vogel, Ruhstaller, Ornellas, Villapudua

NOES: None

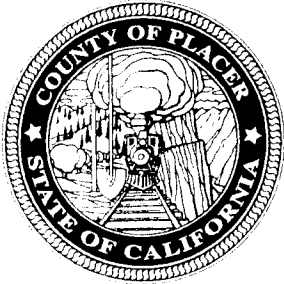
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

LOIS M. SAHYOUN  
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A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lois M. Sahyoun", is written over the printed name and title of the Clerk.



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Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
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March 18, 2010

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing this letter of support for CENIC's ***Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan*** to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central Valley area including Placer County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Our county is fortunate to be the home of several prominent organizations such as Hewlett Packard, Oracle Corporation, Ace Hardware, and PRIDE Industries and offers a diverse business community with key growth since 2000 in biotechnology/bioscience, hardware, medical device manufacturers, networking/system integration, and software firms. Without access to high speed Internet, these industries and other businesses like them, cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor retain highly skilled workers to help grow their organizations both locally and regionally. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, or able to respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 14 counties will enable the Placer County Office of Education, Sierra Community College, the Placer County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal cost.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Placer County and its citizenry need to succeed.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With over 57% percent of Placer County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

If funded, the deployment of the ***Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan*** can be used by Placer County organizations/businesses to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries, thus leveraging the already significant local investment in Public Safety Interoperability

I realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and public safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. I am privileged to add my organization's name to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,



Clark L. Moots  
Director of Administrative Services



March 3, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
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RE: Merced County Support for CENIC's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Merced County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including Merced County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Merced County businesses have primarily been in the following industry sectors: agricultural businesses, construction and manufacturing, healthcare and government agencies. The local housing industry has been dramatically affected by the state economic downturn and future predictions of growth in this area are very speculative with associated industry suppliers such as building materials, equipment and logistical industries being some of the hardest hit in the area. Additionally, lack of water for agricultural purposes has severely impacted the region's agricultural sector.

These two sectors alone make up nearly 2/3 of our county's workforce, ranking us among the top three counties for unemployment in the state. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities' businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor can they train or retain highly skilled workers. Furthermore, without this connectivity, our communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to residents, respond effectively in disasters, or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the Merced County Office of Education, Merced College, the Merced County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure, assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not

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currently available in our region of California and helping Merced County's Worknet, Green job Corps and other like-minded organizations reach their goals in training and connecting job seekers with community and regional job opportunities. With over 82% percent of Merced County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure and an unemployment rate of 21.1% as of December 2009, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

But perhaps the most important contribution of this plan is its goal of reaching residents that live in rural underserved communities within Merced County. Studies have shown in comparing counties with rural economies that had broadband access relatively early (by 2000) with similarly situated counties that had little or no broadband access in the same period, employment growth was higher & nonfarm private earnings greater in counties with a longer history of broadband availability. Now more than ever, with 21.7% of Merced County residents living below the poverty line, 28.4% of those under age 18 and 10.7% of those age 65 or over, this underserved group and the communities in which they live require the tools, resources and potential job growth a robust network infrastructure built in the rural parts of Merced County could provide.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by Merced County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, and retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Allow our county to compete for low and high-end service jobs (the fastest growing sector and most conducive for broadband applications), from call centers to software development
4. Increase network capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particularly those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise
5. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries in real time, when needed.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our county's name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

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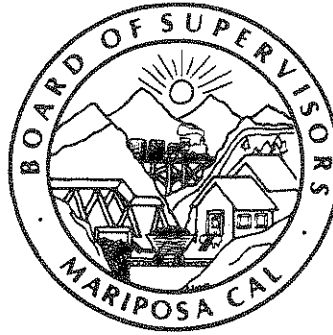


Jerry O'Banion  
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Dear Jim:

The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors supports the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC) grant application for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) stimulus funding. CENIC's project titled Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley including Mariposa County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with the Central Valley Independent Network, LLC (CVIN), will significantly impact many areas of our community's development. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Without access to high speed Internet our community businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online.

The proposed fiber optics network infrastructure will enable the Mariposa County Office of Education, the Yosemite Community College District, the Mariposa County Library, as well as major health care and public safety facilities, to be directly connected to this infrastructure. This connectivity will assure them access to increased capacity at a very nominal marginal cost. During these dire economic times our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

We wish you success with your grant application and look forward to working with CENIC and CVIN on making this project a reality.

Sincerely,

KEVIN CANN  
Chairman



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March 2010

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Madera County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including Madera County, stretching from the rich San Joaquin Valley to the crest of the Sierra Nevada and includes some of the richest agricultural land in the nation.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with the Central Valley Independent Network, LLC, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world.

Key Madera business sectors include agriculture and construction engineering as well as health and retail services with the largest growth areas in manufacturing and government services. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online, reach possible consumers to attract visitors to the region nor retain highly skilled workers. Studies have shown that businesses that adopt e-commerce and Internet practices can improve efficiency and expand market reach preparing them to grow their business to flourish both locally and regionally. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 600+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable various agencies and businesses, in addition to private citizens, to be directly connected to this infrastructure. Other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities will also have access to this infrastructure with the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal increases in cost.

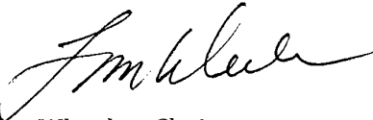
By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure the CENIC-CVIN partnership will enable local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities which is currently limited in our region of California. With 62% percent of Madera County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, and an unemployment rate as of December 2009 of 15.4%, now more than ever

our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Madera County and its citizenry so desperately need to succeed.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our counties name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters for the expansion of broadband infrastructure in Madera County and the underserved Central Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Wheeler". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "W".

Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Madera County Board of Supervisors





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March 23, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Kings County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including Kings County, highlighted by the petroleum rich Kettleman Hills that lie to the southwest, with the balance of land devoted primarily to level farmland, criss-crossed by the California Aqueduct and a number of other irrigation waterways.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Many King County businesses engage in back office/call center operations, healthcare services, manufacturing and waste management as well as extensive warehousing services to support the larger regions agriculture businesses. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor retain highly skilled workers. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 600+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the Kings County Office of Education, the College of the Sequoias, the Kings County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With over 84% percent of Kings County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

But perhaps the most important contribution of this plan is its goal of reaching residents that live in underserved communities within Kings County. Studies have shown in comparing counties with rural economies that had broadband access relatively early (by 2000) with similarly situated counties that had little or no broadband access in the same period, employment growth was higher & nonfarm private earnings greater in counties with a longer history of broadband availability. With around 18% of Kings County residents living below the poverty line, and an unemployment rate as of December 2009 of 17.1%, now, more than ever, this underserved group and the communities in which they live require the tools, resources and potential job growth a robust network infrastructure built in the rural parts of Kings County could provide.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by Kings County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries, thus leveraging the already significant local investment in Public Safety Interoperability

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our counties name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,



Richard Valle, Chairman  
Kings County Board of Supervisors

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# County of Fresno

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March 2, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Fresno County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central Valley area including Fresno County, one of the richest and most productive agricultural counties in America.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Many Fresno County businesses engage in food processing, manufacturing, distribution and warehousing, back office/call center operations, or retail services. Without high speed Internet service, our communities businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor retain highly skilled workers. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 14 counties will enable the Fresno County Office of Education, California State University-Fresno, Fresno City College, the Fresno County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Fresno County and its citizenry so desperately need to succeed.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With over 75% percent of Fresno County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

But perhaps the most important contribution of this plan is its goal of reaching residents that live in rural underserved communities within Fresno County. Studies have shown in comparing counties with rural economies that had broadband access relatively early (by 2000) with similarly situated counties that had little or

no broadband access in the same period, employment growth was higher & nonfarm private earnings greater in counties with a longer history of broadband availability. With 22.9% of Fresno County residents living below the poverty line, now, more than ever, this underserved group and the communities in which they live require the tools, resources and potential job growth a robust network infrastructure built in the rural parts of Fresno County could provide.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by Fresno County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries, thus leveraging the already significant local investment in Public Safety Interoperability
4. Allow our county to compete for low and high-end service jobs (the fastest growing sector and most conducive for broadband applications), from call centers to software development
5. Increase the capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particular those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise.
6. Increase the opportunities for our residents and businesses to implement flexible work programs such telecommuting and home businesses, thus avoiding miles driven in one of the most challenging air basins in the world

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our counties name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,



Judith G. Case, Chairman



Henry R. Perea



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March 9, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including El Dorado County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our county's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together.

Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Many El Dorado County businesses engage in back office/call center operations, hospitality and retail services, as well as an increased investment in companies providing alternative energy resource products and services. Without access to high speed internet, our communities' businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor retain highly skilled workers, a key factor in non-agriculture related industries. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 600+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the El Dorado County Office of Education, the El Dorado County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits El Dorado County and its citizenry so desperately need to succeed.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental

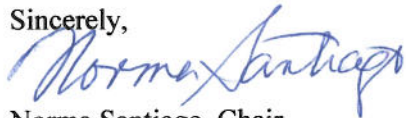
agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With over 54% percent of El Dorado County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by El Dorado County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries, thus leveraging the already significant local investment in Public Safety Interoperability
4. Allow our county to compete for low and high-end service jobs (the fastest growing sector and most conducive for broadband applications), from call centers to software development
5. Increase network capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particularly those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our counties name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,



Norma Santiago, Chair  
El Dorado County Board of Supervisors  
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# CALAVERAS COUNTY

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March 9, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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Mr. Dolgonas:

The Calaveras County Board of Supervisors supports CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central Valley area including Calaveras County, home of "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County" and other historical and scenic riches.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Many Calaveras County businesses engage in agriculture management and construction engineering as well as hospitality and retail services. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities businesses cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online, reach possible consumers to attract visitors to the region nor retain highly skilled workers. Studies have shown that businesses that adopt e-commerce and Internet practices can improve efficiency and expand market reach preparing them to grow their business to flourish both locally and regionally. Without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 14 counties will enable the Calaveras County Office of Education, the Calaveras County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment. By CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Calaveras County and its citizenry so desperately need.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure, particularly important in areas of the county where challenging topography would make fiber deployment more costly, CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With over 26% percent of Calaveras County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

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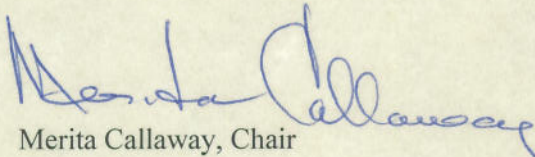
Russell L. Thomas  
District 5  
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Additionally important is

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by Calaveras County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Provide institutions, public safety entities, government agencies, local businesses and households within our county access to Internet services at reasonable costs
2. Have the network infrastructure in place to help our county build, attract, & retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents to compete in a global marketplace
3. Increase network capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particularly those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise
4. Allow county residents the flexibility of working from home either as a flexible part of work days, as systematic telecommuting, or for operating at-home businesses

This network and the programs it will support, once built, will have a impact on many areas of community development and will change the ways in which our communities work and learn together. We are privileged to add Calaveras' name, and that of the organizations/businesses we represent, to the list of supporters, and look forward to working with CENIC and its partners to make this a reality within our county.



Merita Callaway, Chair



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

March 9, 2010

MINUTE ORDER

Minute order authorizing the Board Chair to sign a letter to Mr. Jim Dolgonas supporting the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan.

Moved: Thomas

Seconded: Tofaneli

Approval: Unanimous

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

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County of Calaveras

I, KAREN VARNI, County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Calaveras, do hereby certify that the annexed is a true and correct copy of a portion of the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of said County. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Board to be affixed.

This 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2010

KAREN VARNI, County Clerk

By Margaret R. Kida Deputy



March 24, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

The Amador County Board of Supervisors is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including Amador County, home of the Shenandoah Valley once the principal wine growing region of California with over 40 thriving wineries still in existence today.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which our residents learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Outside of the bustling wine industry, many Amador County businesses engage in back office/call center operations as well as tourism and retail services. Without access to high speed Internet, our communities organizations cannot take advantage of the wide range of business broadband applications available online nor retain highly skilled workers. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 600+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 18 counties will enable the Amador County Office of Education, the Amador County Library as well as other community anchor institutions such as major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber optics infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure CENIC and its partners are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. With 19% percent of Amador County classified as either unserved or underserved by broadband infrastructure, and an unemployment rate of 12.6%, now more than ever our residents deserve the best in training and services a robust network infrastructure can provide.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Amador County and its citizenry so desperately need to succeed.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by Amador County and the organizations/businesses we represent to:

1. Improve the quality of life for our residents via online access to job search engines, information on regional recreational and global entertainment outlets and social networking capabilities connecting family & friends in real-time

2. Improve current communication systems of public safety entities within our county by offering enhanced network services so that vital emergency/safety information can be shared across organizational and geographic boundaries, thus leveraging the already significant local investment in Public Safety Interoperability
3. Allow our county to compete for low and high-end service jobs (the fastest growing sector and most conducive for broadband applications), from call centers to software development
4. Increase network capacity in our county libraries to provide residents, particularly those in high-need communities, public access to computers that might not be possible otherwise

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our counties name and the organizations/businesses we represent to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,

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Brian Oneto  
Chairman



Sierra Economic Development Corporation

Serving El Dorado, Sierra, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Lassen, Sacramento, Yolo and Modoc Counties

March 19, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

  
Mr. Dolgonas,

SEDCorp fully supports CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in fourteen central California counties, especially the counties of El Dorado, Placer and Nevada.

Your partnership with selected private firms and numerous public entities will significantly impact many areas of the communities along the proposed route of the project. Many communities in the Sierra foothills are without any kind of broadband service, significantly constraining those communities' abilities to attract, expand and retain businesses that would provide critically needed jobs. Further, the lack of high speed connectivity denies the best educational opportunities to those communities, telemedicine services and the rest of the benefits that broadband brings. CENIC's **Next Generation Plan** will bring the fiber optic network needed to make all of these last mile services possible.

It is long past the time when the rural areas of California should have the availability of the broadband Internet access enjoyed and used so productively by the large metropolitan areas of the State. To that end, we are pleased to add our endorsement of your project and look forward to working with CENIC and its other partners to transform the **Plan** into reality.

Sincerely,

Brent Smith  
CEO



California Partnership for the  
San Joaquin Valley

February 24, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

**RE: California Partnership Support for CENIC's Central Valley Next Generation  
Broadband Infrastructure Plan**

Dear Mr. Dolgonas,

On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership), I am writing to express strong support for the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California's (CENIC) Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan that will expand and improve broadband options throughout the San Joaquin Valley and Central California.

The San Joaquin Valley- comprised of the eight counties of Kern, Tulare, Kings, Fresno, Madera, Merced, Stanislaus and San Joaquin, with 62 cities and more than 3.8 million residents- is not only one of the fastest growing regions in the nation, but is also one of the most challenged in comparison to the rest of the state. In the San Joaquin Valley, average per capita incomes are 32.2% lower, college attendance is consistently 50% below the average, access to healthcare is 31% lower, and violent crime rates are 24% higher than the rest of California. In response to these disparaging realities of the region, the Partnership was created in June 2005 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger for the purpose of addressing these issues and ultimately improving the economic well-being of the Valley and the quality of life of its residents.

If funded, the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will create the infrastructure that will provide additional opportunities to assist our region in addressing these challenges and realize many of the goals and objectives for the San Joaquin Valley that were outlined by the Partnership in its Strategic Action Proposal. CENIC's proposed 500+ middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 14 counties of the Central Valley, encompassing San Joaquin

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Valley region, will enable the county offices of education, community colleges and potentially other community anchor institutions such as community libraries, major health care and public safety facilities to be directly connected to this infrastructure. In addition, by complementing this infrastructure with last mile wireless network infrastructure you are providing local businesses, residences and government agencies access to cost effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in many parts of Central California, especially the rural areas of the San Joaquin Valley.

This connectivity will undoubtedly have significant impacts throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Not only will it dramatically change the ways in which we learn, work and live together as a region, but it will certainly create unprecedented opportunities in employment, education, health care, entrepreneurship and civic participation. By providing broadband-enabled opportunities to our region, this project will lay the foundation for long-term regional economic development and foster a digitally literate workforce. Connectivity provides communities with the opportunity to compete in today's business world of attracting and retaining businesses, and with the ability to enhance the quality of life of its residents through expanded educational opportunities, services in telemedicine care, and effective disaster response services.

Few initiatives have the ability to positively impact a region as large as ours in so many ways- the delivery of education, health care and safety services- all the while enhancing business and economic development opportunities, and the overall quality of life for the residents of the San Joaquin Valley. However, the increased broadband capabilities and services proposed in the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan has the potential to do just that. On behalf of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, I look forward to working with CENIC and its partners to make this exciting project a reality for the San Joaquin Valley and Central California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Dozier', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Dozier  
Lead Executive  
California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

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*Helping Amador County Businesses Succeed*

March 9, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California  
16700 Valley View Ave., Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Amador Economic Development Corporation, a non-profit, public benefit organization, is writing this letter of support for your project to expand and improve broadband options in Amador County.

This proposal, in partnership with selected private firms to build a 500+ mile multi-wavelength fiber optic broadband network spanning over 27 percent of the state's geography, and providing gigabit connectivity to anchor institutions as well as Internet access to local communities within the 14 counties, will assist the Central Valley in moving forward to catch up with other areas of the state in providing ubiquitous broadband to over 11 percent of the state's population.

By partnering with selected private firms to provide the last mile wireless network infrastructure you are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by Amador County to provide high-speed connectivity to its fledgling junior college facility. This is extremely important to our county as it currently in the process of a formal alignment with the Los Rios College District. This alignment will now allow the county to offer post-secondary educational opportunities to its residents. Additionally, it will provide high-speed connectivity to businesses in our rural area.

This robust network and the programs it will support once built, will have a significant impact on many areas of community development and will dramatically change the ways in which our communities work and learn together. I am privileged to add my name and that of the organization I represent, to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its partners to make this exciting vision a reality within the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

Ron Mittelbrunn  
Executive Director

# THE AMADOR COUNTY BUSINESS COUNCIL

## BUSINESS COUNCIL

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Far Horizon RV Resorts  
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Jeff Gibson

Date: March 10, 2010

Address: Mr. Jim Dolgonas, President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California  
16700 Valley View Ave., Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

To Whom It May Concern:

The Amador County Business Council is writing this letter of support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central valley area: Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, King, Kern, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which we learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Without high speed Internet service, our communities are unable to build, attract, or retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

By partnering with selected private firms to provide the last mile wireless network infrastructure you are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by the Amador County Business Council and its twenty-five member businesses to dramatically improve and expand its marketing/sales activities in order to outreach to regional, state, national and international clients heretofore unreachable by our limited access capability. As we represent a cross section of business in Amador County this opportunity cannot be overestimated.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our Amador County Business Council to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely,

Jim Conklin  
Executive Director  
Amador County Business Council





March 23, 2010

David Douglas  
CVIN, LLC  
PO Box 1070  
Pine Grove, CA 95665-1070

Re: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband  
Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP)

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Tel Tech Plus Inc. dba TTP-US is extremely interested in bidding on subject  
project.

TTP-US holds A, B, C-7, and C-10 contractor licenses and specializes in both  
aerial and underground outside plant communications infrastructure construction and  
installation. We have our own equipment and crews, and are capable of successfully  
completing all aspects of the infrastructure work associated with this project.

Our bonding capacity is \$10 million per single job and \$20 million aggregate.

If you need any further information, please contact me at your convenience.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Greg Stearns'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Greg Stearns  
CEO  
760-533-2110

**Rivers West Contractors, Inc**  
**Ponderosa Telephone**  
**"Labor Only - Budget"**

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
D48" UD2X1X1.25 OR BM-LW BM-FWT	MILES	720	11,088.00	7,983,360.00
UD1X3X10-12MM MICRODUCT	MILES	883	3,696.00	3,263,568.00
BM61	MILES	163	68,640.00	11,188,320.00
FIBER SPLICE BOXES	EA	844	250.00	211,000.00
UO(72)	MILES	927	2,640.00	2,447,280.00
UD1X1X1	MILES	36	11,880.00	427,680.00
UO(6)	MILES	36	2,640.00	95,040.00
HUO(72)	EA	191	200.00	38,200.00
HO-1	EA	16,156	33.00	533,148.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>\$26,187,596.00</b>



**Golden State Utility Co.**

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March 23, 2010

Central Valley Independent Network  
Attn: David Douglas, President  
P.O. Box 1070  
Pine Grove, CA 95665-1070

Dear Mr. David Douglas,

Golden State Utility Co., (GSU) is in a position to assist Central Valley Independent Network (CVIN) with any of their Outside Plant Construction needs for broadband infrastructure projects.

GSU has the experience and expertise to meet the needs of telecommunication carriers, several electrical utilities, countless municipalities and numerous residential, commercial and industrial developers.

Our experience includes successful project completion and working relationships with Kerman Telephone, Ponderosa Telephone as well as other RUS companies. GSU is also currently in the process of completing construction of a 165 mile fiber build in the Bay Area.

Our expertise includes: fiber optic, copper and coaxial cable installation, horizontal directional boring, trenching and plowing applications, joint trench construction, vacuum excavation services, underground utility locating, splicing and testing of fiber optic and copper cable networks, intelligent traffic networks such as traffic signals, controllers, signal interconnection, changeable message signs and other monitoring devices, cable and control systems for light rail lines, airports and highways, street lighting systems, outside plant permitting and engineering.

Along with our expertise and experience GSU has the full support of our parent company Quanta Services, Inc. (NYSE: PWR)

Given the opportunity GSU can be your one construction source for all Outside Plant Projects big and small.

Sincerely,

Mark Overholt  
President

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# DALEO, INC.

March 23, 2010

David Douglas  
CVIN, LLC  
1346 N. Floyd Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93723

Dear Mr. Douglas:

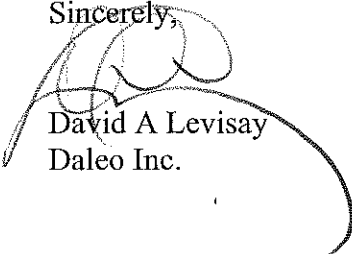
In response to your letter dated March 19, 2010, please be advised that Daleo Inc. would be interested in bidding on the NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program project mentioned in your letter. Please accept this letter as an expression of our interest.

Daleo Inc. started its underground construction business in Oklahoma in 1979 and shortly thereafter established operations in Northern California. Daleo performs the majority of its work in the telecommunications and dry utility industries. We provide underground construction services including trenching, boring, conduit, cable and fiber placement.

Daleo Inc., with its corporate office located in Gilroy, California, has been serving the greater San Francisco Bay Area, Monterey Peninsula, and Central Valley market since 1981. Daleo has earned recognition as a trusted underground construction contractor in the telecommunications and joint trench industries working on contracts for major developers, municipalities, and telecommunication companies such as AT&T, Comcast, SureWest, and Charter Communications. Daleo has made a significant investment in both trenching and horizontal directional drilling (HDD) equipment and training. Daleo has successfully completed numerous small and large underground construction projects throughout Northern and Central California. We have proven the ability to bring all phases of underground construction and placement to a successful conclusion in a timely manner.

If grant funds are approved, please consider us as interested in this project.

Sincerely,



David A Levisay  
Daleo Inc.



7945 14th Avenue  
Sacramento, CA 95826  
(916) 364-0288

## SERVICE EXCELLENCE

March 24, 2010

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VP and General Counsel

**KEN KATZ**  
VP and CIO

Mr. David Douglas, President  
CVIN, LLC  
1346 N. Floyd Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93723

Dear Mr. Douglas,

On behalf of Team Fishel, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to bid on your central valley project as summarized on your letter dated March 19, 2010. We are extremely interested and excited about this potential opportunity.

We pride ourselves on providing high quality and on time delivery to our customers, we would have the necessary resources, project management and skill sets to complete such a project in your required time lines.

I would appreciate CVIN to contact me as this project develops and also about any other potential opportunities that develop in the future.

I may be reached at 602.233.6961 and/or via e-mail at [wmyackley@teamfishel.com](mailto:wmyackley@teamfishel.com).

Sincerely,

Bill Yackley  
Area Manager  
Phoenix, AZ and Sacramento, CA

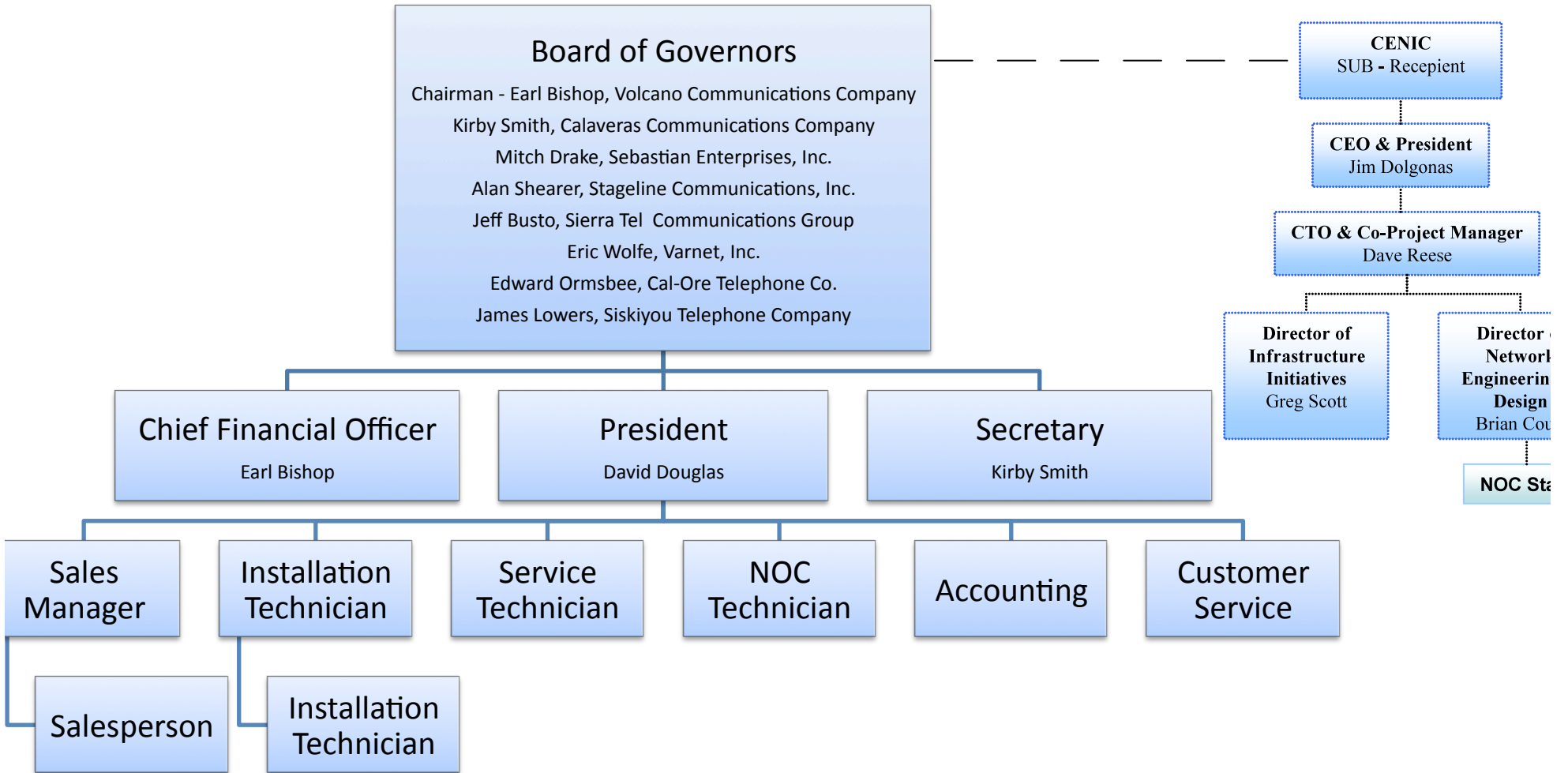
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# CVIN LLC Organization Chart





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March 18, 2010

Tom West  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, #400  
La Mirada, California 90638

Dear Tom,

The Nevada County Economic Resource Council is submitting a Round 2 Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application under the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure category for a middle mile combination of wireless and last mile fiber connectivity in Nevada County, California. Our project is titled "Nevada County Connected" (BTOP ID# 6145).

The CENIC middle-mile project application being submitted as "Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plans" (BTOP ID# 6451) is complementary to ours. Your project can definitely be a source of backhaul for Nevada County Connected.

In a geographically diverse rural area that has limited broadband access to many homes and businesses – much of it still dial-up with access to satellite dependent on terrain – the delivery of cost-effective backhaul into our community is critical.

Our complementary projects will provide sustainable access for Nevada County, California.

Best regards,

Gil Mathew  
President/CEO  
Nevada County Economic Resource Council



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## Letter of Endorsement

March 24, 2010

Thomas W. West  
CENIC Consultant  
The Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California  
16700 Valley View, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Mother Lode Internet, LLC (MLI) with its partner providers is submitting a Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) grant application for Last Mile and Middle Mile infrastructure to serve a large area within 5 counties (including Amador, Alpine, Calaveras, Tuolumne and Mariposa) of the Mother Lode region in the Central Sierra Foothills of California. This project is called Mother Lode Broadband with an Easy Grant ID # of 7160.

MLB is focused on providing Last Mile broadband services to the region by connecting its member wireless networks, expanding them and inter-connecting them with a high capacity backbone fed by micro wave backhaul and interconnections to high capacity backhaul. The project will serve end user residents, businesses, schools, clinics and anchor tenants throughout the region. It will connect medical clinics with hospitals, branch offices with main offices and schools to county/district offices. It is designed with interoperability to provide inter-communication between public safety, health care and fire protection agencies for operational and emergency use.

We have reviewed your "Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Project" submitted for funding under the Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program (BTOP) for middle mile fiber optic expansion through 18 counties in California. Your planned path for fiber extension has two ideal locations for us to tie into your network for more competitive backhaul services. This will provide us with another alternative for backhaul and will hopefully reduce the high cost of backhaul currently impeding our market here in the Mother Lode.

We look forward to working with you and hope that your project is successfully funded through BTOP.

Sincerely,

Ben Hulet  
CEO and Owner  
Mother Lode Internet, LLC  
Gold Rush Internet, LLC  
Hub3 Networks



**CENTRAL SIERRA PLANNING COUNCIL**  
**CENTRAL SIERRA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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Counties of: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Tuolumne  
Cities of: Amador City, Angels, Ione, Jackson,  
Plymouth, Sonora, Sutter Creek

53 West Bradford Avenue, Suite 200  
Sonora, California 95370  
TEL: (209) 532-8768 • FAX: (209) 532-7599

March 19, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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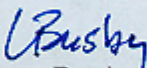
Mr. Dolgonas:

In a public-private partnership, the Central Sierra Economic Development District and its partners, Western Blue an NWN Company, Ericsson, Inc., and Golden State Cellular Central are submitting a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application under the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure category for a middle mile hybrid, fiber optic and microwave infrastructure project. Our project is titled "Central Sierra Economic Development Broadband Middle Mile Project" (BTOP ID#4464).

Our project encompasses Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, and Tuolumne Counties; the later 3 counties being included in your project. The intent of our project is to provide 3 fiber optic and 12 wireless points of presence to serve community anchor institutions and last mile providers.

Our review of your project, "Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Project" (BTOP ID# 6451) confirms that our projects are complementary. Our project reaches deep into the communities and could take bandwidth from your project and distribute it to various community anchor tenants; key in this list being the local schools.

Sincerely,

  
Larry Busby  
Executive Director



2311 Rock Point Place, Livermore CA 94550

925/449-4272

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March 22, 2010

Thomas W. West  
CENIC Consultant  
Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Project

Dear Tom.

WeCare Wireless Networks, Inc., of Livermore, CA is submitting a Broadband Initiatives Program (BIP) loan/grant application for a Last Mile project. The title of our project is "Wireless Broadband Service for Unserved and Underserved Rural Areas of San Joaquin, Alameda, and Contra Costa Counties" – (EasyGrants ID#: 6078).

Our Proposed Funded Service Area is comprised of rural areas within three counties, including San Joaquin County. San Joaquin is one of the eighteen counties in your middle mile fiber optics infrastructure project, titled "Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Project" (BTOP ID# 6451).

Our review of your project confirms our earlier discussions that these two projects are complementary in nature with respect to serving the needs of San Joaquin County. WeCare Wireless could utilize the backhaul provided by CENIC's middle mile project to extend broadband service to homes, businesses, and additional anchor institutions throughout rural San Joaquin County.

We wish you success in your application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ray Fasnacht".

Ray Fasnacht  
Vice President  
WeCare Wireless Networks

Cc: Jerry Becker, Richard Simpson, Jim Dolgonas, David Douglas, Mitch Drake, David Curtis



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# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

## *Letter of Intent*

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), dated ~~February~~ <sup>March</sup> 1, 2010 ("Effective Date"), between the Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California, a **California not-for-profit corporation located at 16700 Valley View Avenue La Mirada, CA 90638** ("CENIC") and **Central Valley Independent Network with offices located at 1346 N. Floyd Avenue, Fresno, CA,** ("CVIN"), each hereinafter referred to as a "Party" or together as the "Parties", sets forth the intention of the Parties to work together to secure Federal and California State funding for fiber projects to provide high-speed Internet connections to anchor tenants and underserved and un-served communities in California.

**WHEREAS**, CVIN was founded specifically to provide telecommunications services and network signaling and associated database services; and

**WHEREAS**, CVIN owns, operates, and provides access to fiber optic broadband communications networks, and builds and sells telecommunications, in California; and

**WHEREAS**, CENIC designs, implements, and operates CalREN, the California Research and Education Network, a high-bandwidth, high-capacity Internet network specially designed to meet the unique requirements of the research and education communities in California, and to which the vast majority of the state's K-20 educational institutions are connected; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2009, H.R. 1 (also known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act ("ARRA")) was signed into law, with one of its main purposes being the funding of the expansion of broadband Internet service to underserved and un-served communities throughout the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, California also funds the expansion of high speed Internet through its California Advanced Services Fund ("CASF"), as administered by the California Public Utilities Commission ("CPUC"); and

**WHEREAS**, CENIC and CVIN recognize the opportunity to collaborate to obtain Federal and State funding in order to build out their existing fiber optic networks to better serve underserved and un-served communities in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parties desire to set forth herein their intentions to work together to obtain said funding for purposes identified herein.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the foregoing, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Collaboration.** The Parties agree to collaborate in the following ways:
  - a) to secure funding through ARRA and CASF in order to fund fiber projects that will bring high speed internet to underserved and un-served communities throughout California;
  - b) for the purposes of securing funding for the aforementioned fiber projects, CVIN and CENIC shall focus efforts on getting funding from the CASF and ARRA stimulus funding. The Parties contemplate that CVIN shall install, maintain, and own the dark fiber installed via these projects, giving CENIC twenty (20) year Indefeasible Rights to Use ("IRUs") and a first right of refusal on any fiber sale, subject to the other terms and conditions of a definitive agreement. Further, the parties agree to identify which party will acquire, operate and maintain optical gear required to light the dark fiber;
  - c) CVIN will provide or will identify local Internet service providers ("ISPs") and wireless Internet service providers ("WISPs") to provide last mile connectivity to end customers; and
  - e) to identify locations and needs for fiber amplifier sites ("Amp Sites") along the planned fiber routes.

2. **Limitation.** This MOU does not constitute a legal contract or obligation on the part of either Party, and neither Party shall have any legal obligation to the other until the execution and delivery of a definitive agreement. Any Confidentiality Agreement signed by the Parties shall survive the termination of this MOU.

3. **Termination.** This MOU shall terminate if any of the three following objectives are not met:

- a) The ARRA 70/30 grant application is not successfully filed; or
- b) The Parties cannot reach a definitive agreement to build and operate the network, on or before December 31, 2010; or
- c) The ARRA grant is not funded.

4. **Publicity.** The Parties may jointly develop and distribute periodic press releases addressing activities and initiatives under the Agreement. Neither Party will issue a press release that addresses the activities of the Parties under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other.

5. **Relationship.** Each Party agrees that it shall not imply that it is a member or partner in a legal entity with the other party or that it has the authority to bind the other Party with respect to any matter whatsoever under this MOU, it being expressly understood and agreed by the parties that neither shall have any authority to bind the other. Notwithstanding, the Parties may enter into definitive and binding agreements in furtherance of the goals set forth herein.

6. **Ownership of Intellectual Property.** Nothing contained in this MOU shall be deemed to grant, either directly or by implication, estoppels or otherwise, any license under any patents, patent applications, copyrights or intellectual property rights. Under this MOU, neither of the Parties shall be obligated to indemnify or defend the other Party for infringement or alleged infringement by such other Party of intellectual property rights of a third party.

7. **Responsibility For Costs.** Each Party shall be responsible for all expenses incurred by it in the performance of the activities described hereunder from the Effective Date of this MOU.

8. **Third Parties.** Nothing in this MOU is intended or shall be construed or interpreted to give any person or entity other than CVIN and CENIC any legal, equitable right, remedy or claim under or with respect to this MOU or any provision contained herein.

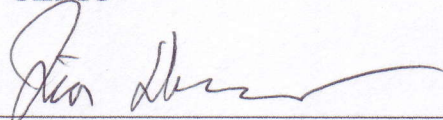
9. **Limitation on Liability.** NEITHER PARTY SHALL BE LIABLE TO THE OTHER FOR ANY INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, SPECIAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO LOSS OF PROFITS OR REVENUE, WHICH ARISE OUT OF THE PERFORMANCE OR FAILURE TO PERFORM ANY OBLIGATION CONTAINED HEREIN, WHETHER THE CLAIM IS IN CONTRACT, TORT (INCLUDING NEGLIGENCE), OR STRICT LIABILITY OR OTHERWISE.

10. **Assignment.** Neither Party may assign or transfer its rights or obligations under this MOU without the prior written consent of the other Party, which may be withheld in the sole discretion of the Party to which the request for consent is directed. Any other attempt to do so shall be null and void.

11. **Choice of Law.** This MOU shall be governed by, and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of California.

12. **Approvals.** The following representatives concur with the terms of this MOU and are authorized to execute this MOU on behalf of their respective organizations.

For: CENIC

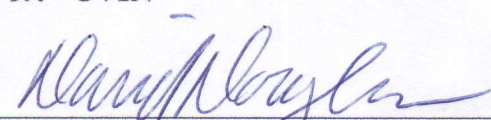


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Jim Dolgonas/ President & CEO

Date: 3/1/10

For: CVIN



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David Douglas, President

Date: 2/25/10

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**U.S. Department of Commerce  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Authentication and Certifications**

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1. I certify that I am the duly Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) of the applicant organization, and that I have been authorized to submit the attached application on its behalf.
2. I certify that I have examined this application, that all of the information and responses in this application, including certifications, and forms submitted, all of which are part of this grant application, are material representations of fact and true and correct to the best of my knowledge, that the entity(ies) that is requesting grant funding pursuant to this application and any subgrantees and subcontractors will comply with the terms, conditions, purposes, and federal requirements of the grant program; that no kickbacks were paid to anyone; and that a false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims on this application are grounds for denial or termination of a grant award, and/or possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. §1001 and civil violations of the False Claims Act.
3. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, codes, orders and programmatic rules and requirements relating to the project. I acknowledge that failure to do so may result in rejection or deobligation of the grant or loan award. I acknowledge that failure to comply with all federal and program rules could result in civil or criminal prosecution by the appropriate law enforcement authorities.
4. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has and will comply with all applicable administrative and federal statutory, regulatory, and policy requirements set forth in the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements ("DOC Pre-Award Notification"), published in the Federal Register on February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), as amended; DOC Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (Mar. 8, 2009); the Department of Commerce American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (Apr. 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award.
5. I certify that any funds awarded to the entity(ies) I represent as a result of this application will not result in any unjust enrichment of such entity(ies) or duplicate any funds such entity(ies) receives under federal universal service support programs administered by the Universal Service Administrative Corporation (USAC).
6. I certify that the entity(ies) I represent has secured access to pay the 20% of total project cost or has petitioned the Assistant Secretary of NTIA for a waiver of the matching requirement.

3/15/10  
Date

David Douglas  
Authorized Organization Representative Signature

DAVID DOUGLAS  
Print Name

PRESIDENT - CVIN, LLC  
Title



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March 18, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Yuba Community College District (YCCD) to express my institution's strong support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including 5 out of the 8 counties we serve (Yuba, Sutter, Colusa and Butte). If this plan is funded, it is our intent to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out by our institution through our academic programs and support services which are designed to ensure our students can compete in a global marketplace.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of community colleges, serving 25 percent of all such students in the United States. Annually, approximately 70% of all public K-12 students in the country, who graduate and attend college, do so at a California Community College.

YCCD currently provides training and education to approximately 12,000 students. A sustainable technology infrastructure will enhance our ability to carry out our educational mission.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by YCCD to expand broadband network access to some of our more remote, underserved, and rural areas. This will allow our students and local communities to have more access to the technological tools they need to navigate today's global economy.

As a primary key anchor institution in our county the network infrastructure will ensure that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity global markets and their supportive technologic tools demand.

We are eager to work with CENIC to make this plan a reality. It will support to our institution and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in the area for a long time into the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adrian Lopez", is written over a horizontal line.

Adrian Lopez  
Director of Public & Governmental Relations  
Yuba Community College District





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March 8, 2010

Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am pleased to indicate my strong support for Amador County to be included in the CENIC network. As the Dean of the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley, I understand and support the concept of developing new digital network capabilities for the distance health education and training which Amador County needs now and for the future.

I have met with Amador County public and health care agencies and hospital and community based health professionals regarding the CENIC network with fiber optic connection capabilities to UC Berkeley as well as several other regional universities and teaching and health care organizations.

We are currently in the process of developing a hybrid distance learning MPH degree program to help meet the acute need for more trained public health professionals in Amador County and throughout the State. This will be greatly facilitated by Amador being a part of the CENIC network. We stand ready to assist in whatever way we can to make that a reality.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Shortell, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.  
Dean, School of Public Health

Cc: Arnold M. Zeiderman, MD

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the Tulare County Office of Education to express our interest in and support of the CENIC *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within California's Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 46 districts and their schools that serve nearly 100,000 students. Our intent, if funded, will be to utilize the resources this robust new infrastructure provides to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring the communities of Tulare County that our students are prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

Though strides have been made in K-12 educational reform, many of our schools still face the challenge of ensuring that equal educational opportunities are made available to every child in every community.

There is no denying that the Internet contains a wealth of resources and tools. School-age children and adults alike in rural areas such as Tulare County are at a severe disadvantage due to lack of high speed Internet access and each year the digital divide grows wider in these communities.

Many of our schools qualify for E-Rate funding at the highest level and those monies have been used to build state-of-the-art localized networks. We have partnered with our schools to provide high speed network service to districts where the connectivity is available but a lack of available infrastructure limits similar connectivity for many Tulare County schools. While the lack of technology access is not the only problem plaguing our educational system, addressing the technological disparities in schools is a vital facet to improving learning and preparing children for the future. Without sustainable technology infrastructure, the ability of the school districts in our county to carry out their educational missions will be adversely affected. We are committed to serve young citizens in our county with an education that includes state-of-the-art classrooms and student support services as well as skilled faculty and staff.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by the schools in our county to:

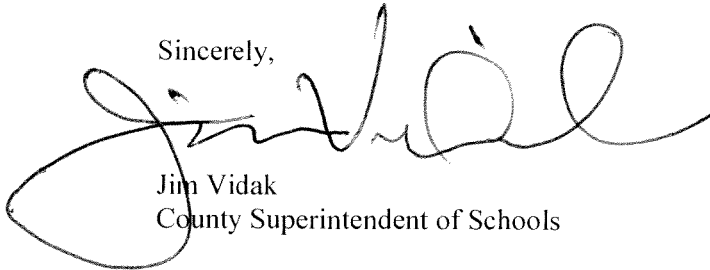
- Provide the connectivity necessary for our districts to deploy technology solutions that can build a network community which achieves economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs
- Provide a faster and more reliable network infrastructure which will give students and teachers access to the growing pool of online resources giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace
- Promote the development of robust online learning environments which utilize distance learning, virtual field trips and advanced multimedia enabled bandwidth intensive applications to support individualized interactive learning for all students.

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to economic success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure.

Our office has provided Internet connectivity to the majority of the 46 districts in Tulare County for more than fifteen years. We have enlarged and expanded our current connectivity greatly over those fifteen years but it has reached an economical impasse which makes a new infrastructure necessary. Our districts are our partners in this effort and we asked them to indicate their support of the new direction a funded grant will provide. In the course of a little over a week we received the more than 31 letters of support you will find attached – testimony to the great need and interest that exists.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have relative to our support of this project and the resources it will provide. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it will support to our districts and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Vidak", written over a large, stylized loop that extends from the left side of the signature.

Jim Vidak  
County Superintendent of Schools



## ALLENSWORTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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An informal survey of our students indicates that 85 percent have Internet connectivity and less than 10 percent have Internet access at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Allensworth Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Allensworth Elementary School is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

  
Roberto Cardenas,

Superintendent/Principal  
Allensworth Elementary School District

# Alpaugh Unified School District

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March 17, 2010

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The Alpaugh Unified School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. AUSD is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Robert M. Hudson  
Superintendent

# **ALTA VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Alta Vista Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Alta Vista is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Lora Haston, Superintendent/Principal  
Alta Vista Elementary School District

# Buena Vista Elementary School

21660 Road 60  
Tulare, California 93274

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Carole Mederos  
Superintendent

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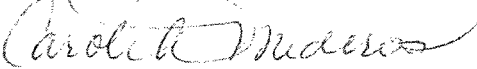
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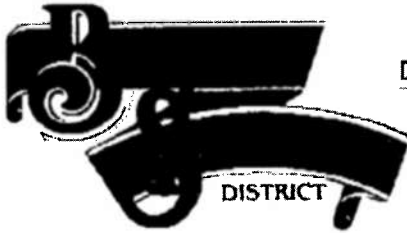
Buena Vista Elementary School District is a small, rural, single school school district in western Tulare County. We have a diverse student population that is about sixty percent socio-economically disadvantaged. An informal survey of our students indicates that about sixty eight percent have Internet connectivity and only 45 percent have better connectivity than dial-up at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Buena Vista Elementary reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Buena Vista is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

  
Carole Mederos, Principal/Superintendent  
Buena Vista Elementary School District





Dr. Gary Mekeel, District Superintendent

Dr. Sharon Kamberg, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction

Wendy Jones, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

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Burton School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Burton School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank you

  
Dr. Gary L. Mekeel, Superintendent

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The Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative is very important to our community in Cutler-Orosi, a rural, unincorporated area in the poverty stricken north central part of Tulare County. The Tulare County Office of Education's partnership with the Broadband Initiative is a critical element in the proposal.

The Superintendent of Tulare County Schools, Mr. Jim Vidak, has partnered with the school districts in Tulare County to provide high speed Internet access for more than fifteen years. His efforts have enabled schools outside the urban areas to receive the same rich learning environment that schools in urban areas receive. The Tulare County Office of Education has provided increased bandwidth when necessary, taken steps towards more reliability, and has tried to keep up with the demand. However, the current technologies are reaching their physical limitations; we are desperate for changes that will ensure the education of our children in a digital age.

I am excited about the possibilities offered by the Rural Initiative. We will be able to link libraries, firestations, and other rural government facilities, such as the sheriff's station and non-profit organizations. A network of increased availability will allow our low income residents to have access to critical resources. Very few of our largely Hispanic population have Internet connectivity at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the inherent partnerships it will create and through initiatives such as E-Rate II, our student populations and families will have more access to resources.

Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District supports the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and the plan to bring a network that will benefit the residents of our community. We are prepared to do our part as a partner in this cooperative venture.

Sincerely yours,

Carolyn W. Kehrli, Ed.D.  
Superintendent



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An informal survey of our students indicates that 50-65 percent have Internet connectivity and only a small percentage have better connectivity than dial-up at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our students and their families here in Dinuba will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Dinuba Unified reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Dinuba Unified is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Respectfully,

Joe A Hernandez, Ed.D  
Superintendent

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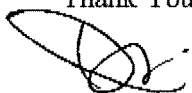
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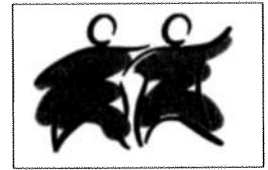
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Supt/Principal  
Ducor Union Elementary School District

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Earlimart Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Earlimart Elementary School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marcella K. Smith".

Dr. Marcella K. Smith  
Superintendent  
Earlimart Elem. School District



# Exeter Public Schools

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An informal survey of our students indicates that 80 percent have Internet connectivity; most use dial-up connectivity at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Exeter Public Schools reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. We are prepared to do our part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Sincerely,

Renée Whitson  
Superintendent

RW/st

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The Farmersville Unified School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. The Farmersville Unified School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Janet Jones'.

Janet Jones, Superintendent  
Farmersville Unified School District

# Hot Springs School District

**I J Blevens - District Superintendent**

P.O. Box 38, Mountain Road 56, California Hot Springs, CA 93207

March 5, 2010

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An informal survey of our students indicates that **33 percent have no Internet, 51 percent have Internet connectivity via dial-up and only 16 percent have better**

**connectivity than dial-up at home.** We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Hot Springs School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Hot Springs School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort. Please, do not allow the students of the Hot Springs School District "be left behind"—provide the connectivity that we need and deserve.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "I J Blevens". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "I" and "J".

I J Blevens  
Superintendent





## Kings River Union Elementary School District

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Kings River Union Elementary School District is a K-8 single school district. Over 85% of our students come from low income families and about 10% have internet access at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Kings River Union Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Kings River Union Elementary School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

Janet Bellin, Technology Coordinator  
Kings River Union Elementary School District

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Lindsay Unified School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Lindsay Unified School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet K. Kliegl". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Janet K. Kliegl  
Superintendent

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Janet K. Kliegl, **Superintendent** ♦ Andrew Bukosky, **Asst. Supt., H. R.**  
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# ***OUTSIDE CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT***

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Elaine Brainard, Superintendent/Principal

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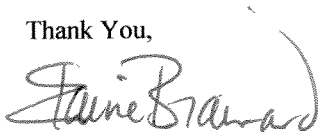
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Our school and community support the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents.

Thank You,



Elaine Brainard  
Superintendent/Principal  
Outside Creek School District

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March 12, 2010

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Palo Verde Union Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. The Palo Verde Union Elementary School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



John B. Manning  
Superintendent/Principal

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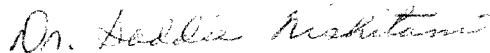
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Pixley Union School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of it's residents. Pixley School is prepared to do it's part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Dr. Saddle Nishitani  
District Superintendent

# PLEASANT VIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

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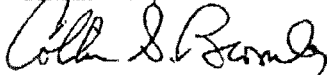
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Pleasant View Elementary reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of it's residents. Pleasant View Elementary is prepared to do it's part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Collin Bromley  
Superintendent  
Pleasant View Elementary



PLEASANT VIEW  
FALCONS

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March 12, 2010


Roger Smith  
Director Information Systems  
Tulare County Office of Education  
2637 West Burrel  
P. O. Box 5091  
Visalia, CA 93278-5091

Dear Mr. Smith:

While Porterville Unified School District has partnered with several communications companies to expand its internal fiber network, connecting all school sites to each other and the district office at high speeds, we are increasingly frustrated with our Internet connectivity options. As we are located in a largely rural area, we have found it difficult to secure a reasonably priced and reliable Internet connection and, as a result, are particularly interested in the initiatives to bring high speed Internet connectivity to our area outlined by the Tulare County Office of Education.

With an increasing number of instructional and collaborative opportunities for students, staff, and families requiring high-speed Internet connectivity, we want to ensure that Porterville Unified School District and the larger Porterville community are able to participate. We welcome Tulare County Office of Education's efforts to provide this critical infrastructure. We look forward to future discussions in exploring how we might support the effort.

Sincerely,

  
Ken Gibbs, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent  
Business Services

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Business Services  
Technology - TCOE Internet

# ROCKFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT

Andrew N. Schultz  
Superintendent



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The Rockford Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Rockford School is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

  
Andrew N. Schultz, Superintendent/Principal 3

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# *Strathmore Union Elementary*

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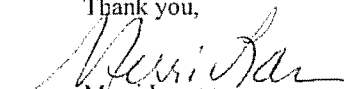
March 2, 2010

Dear Kevin,

I received your letter regarding the possibility of combining together as a group to research the feasibility of extending fiber path to the various schools in Tulare County. We are very interested in pursuing the possibility.

We have enrollment very close to 800 in our district. By a quick survey by visiting classrooms and a showing of hands, approximately 75% have internet at their homes. Of that 75% approximately ¼ of those families have dial up.

Thank you,



Merri Larson  
Business Manager

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# *Sundale Union Elementary School District*

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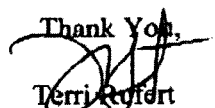
To Whom It May Concern:

Sundale Union Elementary School District (SUESD) consists of only one Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup> grade school of 725 students in rural Tulare County. Tulare County Office of Education has been an integral partner with SUESD with the advancement of our technology. Sundale is a very forward thinking school district in the area of technology. Internet access is crucial for our district and community. That is why I am writing to express strong support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and the Tulare County Office of Education's partnership in this effort's request for funding through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

The County Superintendent of Schools/Tulare County Office of Education has partnered with our school districts, as well as others, to provide high speed Internet access for a rich learning environment for more than fifteen years. As the needs of our K-12 education have increased, they have increased bandwidth and taken steps towards more reliability and have made progress in both areas but our current technologies are reaching their physical limitations and we need to make changes that will secure the future of education in our county in a digital age.

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An informal survey of our students indicates that 79 percent have Internet connectivity and only 56 percent have better connectivity than dial-up at home. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home. Sundale Union Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Sundale Union Elementary School District is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,  
  
Terri Rufert  
Superintendent



# SUNNYSIDE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Steve Tsuboi, Superintendent

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We are a small, single school district in a rural area. We have an enrollment of 423 students. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Sunnyside Union Elementary School reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county

for the benefit of all of it's residents. Sunnyside Union Elementary School is prepared to do it's part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank you,



Steve Tsuboi, Superintendent/Principal  
Sunnyside Union Elementary School District

# Three Rivers Union School District

K-8 Elementary

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Three Rivers, California 93271

(559) 561-4466 Fax (559) 561-4468

March 17, 2010

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Three Rivers School District is a single, one-school district located in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. We are a K-8 school with 155 students. We rely on the Tulare County Office of Education for our connectivity services. The County Superintendent of Schools / Tulare County Office of Education has partnered with many school districts in Tulare County to provide high speed Internet access for a rich learning environment for more than fifteen years. As the needs of K-12 education have increased we have increased bandwidth and taken steps towards more reliability and have made progress in both areas, but current technologies are reaching their physical limitations and we need to make changes that will secure the future of education in our county in a digital age.

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Thank You,



Susan P. Sherwood  
Superintendent / Principal

# TIPTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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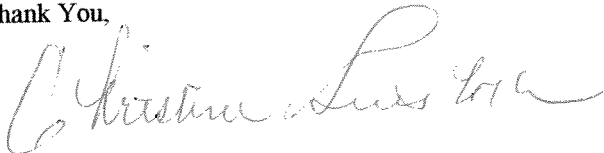
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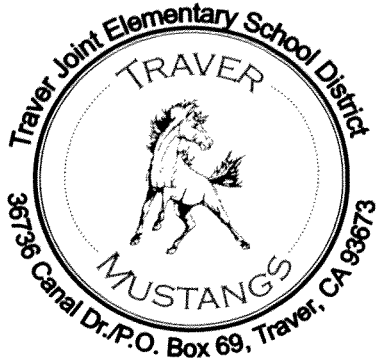
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Tipton Elementary reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of it's residents. Tipton Elementary is prepared to do it's part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Christine Griesbach  
Superintendent



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Traver Joint Elementary School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Traver Joint Elementary is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

Steve Ramirez  
Superintendent/Principal  
Traver Joint Elementary School District

# Tulare City School District

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We, the Tulare City School District, are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

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Thank You,

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Luis Castellanoz  
Superintendent  
Tulare City School District



# Tulare Joint Union High School District

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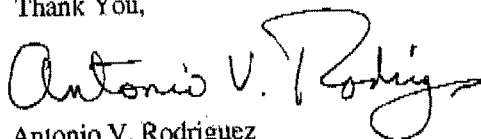
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Tulare Joint Union High School reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Tulare Joint Union High School is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,



Antonio V. Rodriguez  
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Visalia Unified School District reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stan A. Carrizosa".

Stan A. Carrizosa  
Superintendent



# WAUKENA JOINT UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of Waukena Joint Union Elementary School, I wish to express strong support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and the Tulare County Office of Education's partnership in this effort's request for funding through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. School districts in Tulare County, including Waukena Elementary, have received high speed Internet access for a rich learning environment for more than fifteen years. As the needs of K-12 education have increased we have increased bandwidth and taken steps towards more reliability and have made progress in both areas but current technologies are reaching their physical limitations and we need to make changes that will secure the future of education in our county in a digital age.

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Waukena Elementary School is a small K-8 school in rural Tulare County. Eighty percent our children qualify for the state free and reduced food program, and the majority of our students do not have Internet connectivity. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Waukena Elementary School reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of it's residents. Waukena School would like to work as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

Terri Lancaster  
Superintendent/Principal

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Woodlake Public Schools reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of it's residents.

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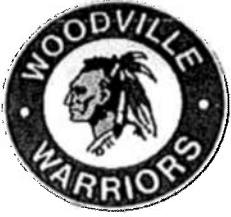
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Tim A. Hire  
Superintendent, Woodlake Public Schools

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Woodville Union Elementary School is located in an unincorporated area in Tulare County with 100% of the population identified as socioeconomically disadvantaged. We are hopeful that through this grant and the partnerships it will foster and through initiatives like E-Rate II our student populations will have the resources they desperately need both at school and at home.

Woodville Union Elementary School reiterates its support for the Tulare County Rural Broadband Initiative and Tulare County's plan to bring a state-of-the-art network to the county for the benefit of all of its residents. Woodville Union Elementary School is prepared to do its part as a partner in this cooperative effort.

Thank You,

Vickie Weeks, Business Manager  
Woodville Union Elementary School



March 17, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of College of the Sequoias Community College District to express my institution's strong support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area, including Kings and Tulare Counties. If this plan is funded, it is our intent to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out by our institution through our academic programs and support services which are designed to ensure our students can compete in a global marketplace.

The California Community Colleges is the largest system of community colleges, serving 25 percent of all such students in the United States. Annually, approximately 70% of all public K-12 students in the country, who graduate and attend college, do so at a California Community College.

College of the Sequoias Community College District currently provides training and education to approximately 13,000 students. A sustainable technology infrastructure will enhance our ability to carry out our educational mission.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by College of the Sequoias Community College District for:

1. Two-way audio-video broadcasting from main campus to our college centers;
2. Faster access for media-rich internet information to support classroom learning;
3. Increased access to on-line databases through our library.

As a primary key anchor institution in our county the network infrastructure will ensure that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity global markets and their supportive technologic tools demand.

We are eager to work with CENIC to make this plan a reality. It will support to our institution and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in the area for a long time into the future.

Sincerely,

Bill Scroggins



San Joaquin Delta College

March 19, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of San Joaquin Delta College to express my district's strong support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley, which includes our college service area. If this plan is funded, we will use this new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out by our institution through our academic programs and support services which are designed to ensure our students can compete in a global marketplace.

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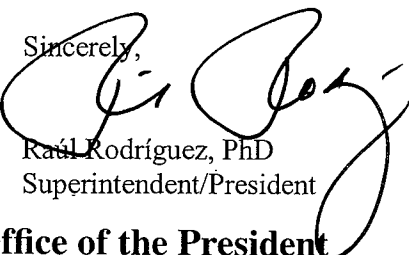
If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by San Joaquin Delta College to:

- Host critical applications to increase the academic excellence in the community college system and in our local community through expanded course delivery and development of core educational assessments;
- Create a set of course options and offerings to compete with for profit educational institutions and to provide Delta students with additional and more flexible degree and certificate pathways; and,
- Host applications for other community colleges that may not have the technical resources to do so on their own.

As a primary key anchor institution in our geographic area, the network infrastructure will ensure that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity global markets and their supportive technologic tools demand.

We are eager to work with CENIC to make this plan a reality. It will support to our institution and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in the area for a long time into the future.

Sincerely,

  
Raúl Rodríguez, PhD  
Superintendent/President

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# Merced County Office of Education

Lee Andersen, Superintendent

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President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
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La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Merced County Office of Education to express our strong support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 20 districts and their schools that serve 56,000+ students. Our intent, if funded, is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

Though strides have been made in K-12 educational reform, many of our schools still face the challenge of ensuring that equal educational opportunities are made available to every child in every community. Studies have shown that more affluent school districts offer more computers per student and access to the Internet is more easily available as well. In some homes a computer may even be permanently dedicated to the Internet with high-speed access lines. Unfortunately, children in underserved rural communities do not have the same advantages in school or at home as the children in more affluent neighborhoods and are least likely to have direct access to computers or the Internet and the wealth of resources and tools these access points provide.

As we examine current technological investments in public education, schools in underserved communities have not yet reached parity with other schools. While the lack of technology access is not the only problem plaguing our educational system, addressing the technological disparities in schools is a vital facet to improving learning and preparing children for the future. Many of our schools are not prepared to enter the information age due to a variety of resource limitations including basic network infrastructure. Without this sustainable technology infrastructure, the ability of the school districts in our county to carry out their educational missions will be adversely affected. We are committed to serve young citizens in our county with an education that includes state-of-the-art classrooms and student support services as well as skilled faculty and staff.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by the schools in our county to:



Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
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- Provide the connectivity necessary for our district schools to pursue technology solutions that can achieve economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs
- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace
- Provide parents and students with home access to multimedia resources delivered through broadband internet
- Promote the development of robust online learning environments including distance learning opportunities to support individualized learning for all students from pre-kindergarten through post graduate collegiate pursuits.

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions on how we may offer our services for the next stage of development in providing direct connectivity to our County Office, which serves as the networking aggregation hub for all of our school districts and schools. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it would support to our school district and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,



Lee Andersen  
County Superintendent  
Merced

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March 22, 2010

Jim Dolgonas  
President/Chief Executive Officer  
CENIC Headquarters  
16700 Valley View Ave. #400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas,

Merced College supports the CENIC Round 2 efforts to increase the bandwidth network access. As you are aware Merced is a rural community geographically located in the center of California's Central Valley. We would greatly benefit from enhanced connectivity today and planning for tomorrow.

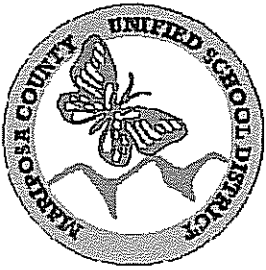
We have appropriate space (~50' x ~55') to accommodate the member anchor facility, a self-contained, secure enclosure. The facility would contain CENIC equipment to connect the college via fiber directly to the CALREN backbone. We understand the high-speed connectivity would, over time, reduce one-time and reoccurring costs while increasing network capacity into the future. We acknowledge that long term uninterrupted service is possible with the equipment located on campus as compared to off campus facilities. Additionally, the on-campus design allows diverse connectivity paths both to on-campus facilities and back to the middle-mile. This path diversity may not be affordable through other means.

Should you have need of additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin T. Duran, Ed.D.  
Superintendent/President



## MARIPOSA COUNTY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Aaron Rosander  
Acting Superintendent

March 24, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Mariposa County Unified School District to express our strong support for CENIC and CVIN's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley and the foothills of the Sierras. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning environment in our county and the schools and students we serve.

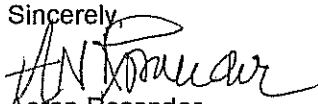
If this plan is funded it is our intent to utilize this new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out in our curriculum offerings and support services for our students and their families. With this sustainable technology infrastructure, the ability of our schools in Mariposa County to carry out their educational missions will be enhanced.

If funded, the deployment of the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will be used by our schools to:

- Enhance home to school communication
- Minimize the digital divide in our county
- Improve connectivity for all students in the district and county
- Provide redundancy for internet access for schools in Mariposa County
- Provide robust opportunities for on-line education for our rural students
- Allow for virtual field trips to museums and other educational institutions

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure ensuring we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity global markets and their supportive technologic tools demand.

We look forward to working with CENIC and CVIN to bring this capability to our county and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in the area we serve.

Sincerely,  
  
Aaron Rosander  
Acting Superintendent

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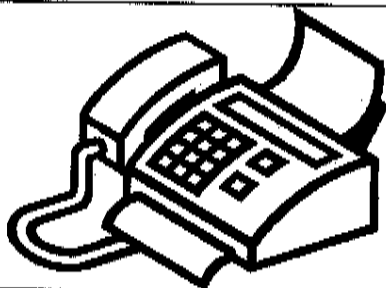
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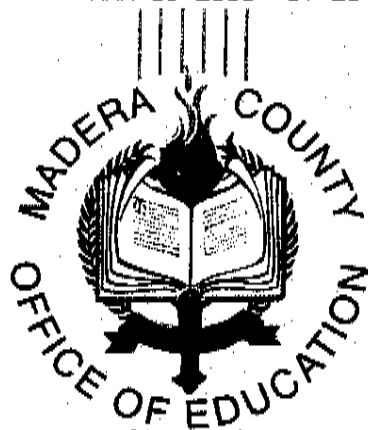
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**Date: 3/19/2010**  
**Pages: 3 including cover page**

**Attached is the letter from the Madera County Office of Education**

**Thank you,**  
**Jeff Bottorff**  
**Chief Information Technology Officer**  
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SALLY L. FRAZIER, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
March 2010  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Madera County Office of Education to express our eager support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 9 School districts and their schools that serve 29,500 students. Our intent is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

Though strides have been made in K-12 educational reform, many of our schools still face the challenge of ensuring that equal educational opportunities are made available to every child in every community. Studies have shown that more affluent school districts offer more computers per student and access to the Internet is more easily available as well. In some homes a computer may even be permanently dedicated to the Internet with high-speed access lines. Unfortunately, many children in underserved rural communities do not have the same advantages in school or at home as the children in more affluent neighborhoods and are least likely to have direct access to computers or the Internet and the wealth of resources and tools these access points provide.

As we examine current technological investments in public education, schools in underserved communities have not yet reached parity with other schools. While the lack of technology access is not the only problem plaguing our educational system, addressing the technological disparities in schools is a vital facet to improving learning and preparing children for the future. Many of our schools are not prepared to enter the information age due to a variety of resource limitations including basic network infrastructure. Without this sustainable technology infrastructure, the ability of the school districts in our county to carry out their educational missions will be adversely affected. We are committed to serve young citizens in our county with an education that includes state-of-the-art classrooms and student support services as well as skilled faculty and staff.

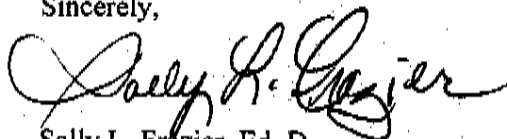
The deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by the schools in our county to:

- Provide the connectivity necessary for our district schools to pursue technology solutions that can achieve economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs
- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace
- Provide parents and students with access to multimedia resources delivered through broadband internet using established educational resources
- Promote the development of robust online learning environments to support individualized learning for all students.

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions on how we may offer our services for the next stage of development in providing direct connectivity to our County Office, which serves as the networking aggregation hub for all of our school districts and schools. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it would support to our school district and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,



Sally L. Frazier, Ed. D.  
Madera County Superintendent of Schools



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John Stankovich, Superintendent



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March 23, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
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16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Kings County Office of Education to express our strong support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 13 districts and their schools that serve 26,624 students. Our intent, if funded, is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

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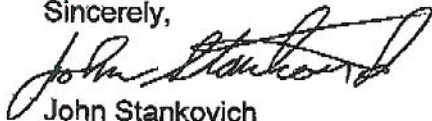
If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by the schools in our county to:

- Provide additional bandwidth necessary for our school districts to take advantage of online educational resources such as video conferencing outside our local community.
- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace.
- Expand parent and student home access to multimedia resources delivered through broadband internet and district provided computers.
- Promote the development of robust online learning environments including distance learning opportunities to support individualized learning for all students.

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

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Sincerely,



John Stankovich  
Kings County Superintendent of Schools





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Michael E. Hanson

March 8, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
CENIC  
16700 Valley View Ave., Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of Fresno Unified School District to express support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options for Fresno County and 13 other counties within the California Central Valley area: Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, King, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which we learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world, especially in Fresno County where we battle high rates of poverty. Without high speed Internet service, our communities are unable to build, attract, or retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents. Furthermore, without this connectivity, many of our surrounding communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

The proposed 500+-middle mile multi-wavelength fiber optics network infrastructure through the 14 counties will Fresno Unified School District and other school districts in our region to be directly connected to this infrastructure assuring them access to the increased capacity they will require over time at a very nominal marginal cost.

By complementing this fiber infrastructure as part of this project with last mile wireless network infrastructure you are enabling local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. On a more personal note, Fresno Unified School District provides broadband internet access to 74,000 students and 10,000 teachers, administrators, and staff utilizing CENIC through our K12 HSN connection to the Fresno County Office of Education. This proposed expansion will provide low-cost access to the children and families in our community who can't afford it today.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add Fresno Unified School District to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

Sincerely yours,

Kurt Madden  
CTO  
Fresno Unified School District



Larry L. Powell  
Superintendent

# fresno county office of education

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President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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March 2010

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Fresno County Office of Education to express our strong support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 35 districts and their schools that serve 193,838 students. Our intent, if funded, is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

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If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by the schools in our county to:


- Provide the connectivity necessary for our district schools to pursue technology solutions that can achieve economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs

- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace
- Meet increased Internet bandwidth needs as we build out a high speed middle mile network to each of our school districts
- Provide online learning resources including digital multimedia, distance learning, and videoconferencing

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions on how we may offer our services for the next stage of development in providing direct connectivity to our County Office, which serves as the networking aggregation hub for all of our school districts and schools. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it would support to our school district and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Larry L. Powell".

Larry L. Powell  
Superintendent of Schools  
Fresno County Office of Education

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President & CEO  
CENIC  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

March 11, 2010

Dear Mr. Dolgonas,

I am writing you to let you know that Cosumnes River College supports the CENIC Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan and the intention to expand broadband options within the Central Valley area. Our particular interest is in the provision of enhanced CENIC connectivity to Amador County where we have a presence.

In cooperation with local Amador County government, the Amador County Office of Education, the local school district and the Amador County College Foundation, Cosumnes River College has established an outreach presence in a dedicated facility in Sutter's Creek. The CENIC initiative would greatly improve connectivity to this facility, allowing our students to receive streaming video classes with fidelity and clarity. An important part of our education endeavors to Amador County require quality access to the Internet to avail of our Distance Education and web-streamed broadcast classes.

I am pleased to be able to support this project and as a result improve the education, and therefore the future success, of our Amador County students.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



**Stephen McGloughlin**

Dean of Learning Resources and College Technology

Cosumnes River College

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# Colusa County Office of Education

Kay C. Spurgeon  
COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

March 16, 2010

Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Colusa County Office of Education to express our strong support for CENIC's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 4 districts and their schools that serve 4,500 students. Our intent, if funded, is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

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young citizens in our county with an education that includes state-of-the-art classrooms and student support services as well as skilled faculty and staff.

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- Provide the connectivity necessary for our district schools to pursue technology solutions that can achieve economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs
- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace
- Help facilitate distance learning

If we are to meet the needs of the schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions on how we may offer our services for the next stage of development in providing direct connectivity to our County Office, which serves as the networking aggregation hub for all of our school districts and schools. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it would support to our school district and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,



Kay C. Spurgeon  
Colusa County Superintendent of Schools



March 1, 2010

The Clovis Unified School District is writing this letter of support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 14 counties within the California Central Valley area: Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, King, Kern, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Joaquin and Stanislaus County.

This project, developed by CENIC in partnership with selected private firms, will significantly impact many areas of our community's development and will dramatically change the ways in which we learn, work and live together. Connectivity is vital for counties to remain competitive in today's business world. Without high speed Internet service, our communities are unable to build, attract, or retain competitive businesses, entrepreneurs, and residents. Furthermore, without this connectivity, communities are unable to provide the best educational opportunities to its residents, respond effectively in disasters or provide adequate telemedicine care to its residents.

By partnering with selected private firms to provide the last mile wireless network infrastructure you are enabling LEAs, local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California.

The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, be CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits Central Valley and its citizenry so desperately needs to succeed.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will provide our district with many opportunities to further build collaboration between area entities. These projects could include telepresence, distance learning opportunities, public safety, and disaster planning. Immediate possibilities that the interconnect would bring include reduced connectivity costs for the district, a multiple path architecture to increase uptime, increased bandwidth capacity, and low latency network services. A solid infrastructure provides a great foundation on which to build collaboration and projects that benefit our students, staff, and learning communities.

We realize few initiatives have the ability to positively impact the delivery of education, health care and safety services as well as enhance businesses and economic development and the overall quality of life of our citizens as does increased broadband capabilities and services. We are privileged to add our Clovis Unified School District to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its private partners to make this exciting vision a reality.

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David E. Cash  
Superintendent

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THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
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March 24, 2010

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Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
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16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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Dear Jim:

FULLERTON

This letter comes in support of CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan*, which is intended to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within California's Central Valley.

HUMBOLDT

LONG BEACH

The California State University is the largest, public, four-year system of higher education in the country and serves almost 433,000 students at 23 campuses. Our campuses serve as regional centers for social and economic development, and the infrastructure described in the broadband infrastructure plan will dramatically improve capacity of the Bakersfield, Fresno and Stanislaus campuses to serve their respective communities.

LOS ANGELES

MARITIME ACADEMY

MONTEREY BAY

Specifically, the new network will improve our ability to make rich content available to faculty and students in support of their teaching and learning activities, and provide much-needed network resources that will enable advanced research activities.

NORTHRIDGE

POMONA

We appreciate CENIC's leadership on this important project. We wish you success in the effort to secure funding and, look forward to helping bring the project to a timely and successful conclusion.

SACRAMENTO

SAN BERNARDINO

With kind regards,

SAN DIEGO

Sincerely,

SAN FRANCISCO

SAN JOSÉ

Charles B. Reed  
Chancellor

SAN LUIS OBISPO

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SAN MARCOS

c: Dr. Benjamin F. Quillian, Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer  
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CALIFORNIA  
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March 5, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing of behalf of California State University, Fresno to express our strong support for CENIC's Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan proposing to serve the counties of Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, King, Kern, Mariposa, Merced, Madera, Placer, Tuolumne, Tulare, San Joaquin and Stanislaus with ubiquitous "next generation" broadband connectivity.

This proposal, in partnership with selected private firms to build a 500+ mile multi-wavelength fiber optic broadband network connectivity to anchor institutions as well as Internet access to local communities with the 14 counties, will assist the Central Valley in moving forward to catch up with other areas of the state in providing ubiquitous broadband connectivity to over 3,827,329 individuals, or just over 11 percent of the state's population.

This partnership would enable local businesses, residences and governmental agencies access to cost-effective higher-speed broadband Internet capabilities not currently available in our region of California. The plan also recognizes that broadband adoption goes hand in hand with infrastructure deployment, and thus, by CENIC aligning with key educational organizations and other non-profits that are focused on providing programs that advance the adoption of broadband capabilities, use within the areas to be served is more likely to succeed and provide the long-term economic benefits the Central Valley and its citizenry so desperately needs to succeed.

If funded, Fresno State's connectivity and capabilities would be significantly enhanced through this plan. Not only would CENIC's proposal create a more robust and fault tolerant connection to the institution, but it would provide new possibilities for research, enrich our online teaching capabilities and create new relationships with ISPs within the region.

This robust network and the programs it will support once built, will have a significant impact on many areas of community development and will dramatically change the ways in which our communities work and learn together. We are privileged to add California State University, Fresno to the list of supporters and look forward to working with CENIC and its partners to make this a reality within the Central Valley.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Cynthia Teniente-Matson'.

Cynthia Teniente-Matson  
Vice President for Administration  
and Chief Financial Officer

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# CALAVERAS COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

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Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
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16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

March 23, 2010

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Calaveras County Office of Education to express our strong support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley. This project will significantly enhance the teaching and learning capabilities of our 5 districts and their schools that serve 6207 students. Our intent, if funded, is to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set forth by our curriculum offerings and support services, while ensuring our community that our students are better prepared for college and beyond and have the skills and experience necessary to compete in a dynamic global marketplace.

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If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by the schools in our county to: *(Please list examples of how the school district will utilize this robust broadband infrastructure to the various schools including the administration, students, staff and broader community in which the students reside)*

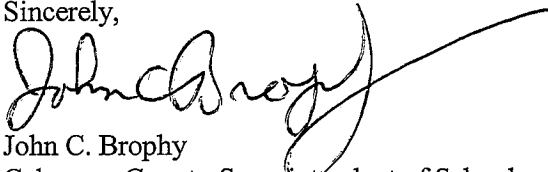
- Provide the connectivity necessary for our district schools to pursue technology solutions that can achieve economies of scale and great cost savings through aggregation and centralization, freeing up district dollars to be used for other vital needs
- Give students access to cutting edge resources and programs, giving them the necessary skills to compete in a global marketplace

- Bring economic benefits to our community by elevating the technical knowledge of our current and future workforces.
- Enabling both the physically able and physically disabled individuals, access to distance learning, telemedicine, jobs and the ability to access a wide variety of valuable information by themselves.

If we are to meet the needs of the Calaveras County schools and other key anchor institutions in our county that are vital to California's success, then we must invest now in our technology infrastructure, ensuring that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity and supportive technologic tools that global markets demand.

Please do not hesitate to write or call with any questions on how we may offer our services for the next stage of development in providing direct connectivity to our County Office, which serves as the networking aggregation hub for all of our school districts and schools. We are eager to work with CENIC and its partners to bring this exciting vision of reliable, affordable network connectivity and the innovative educational programs it would support to our school district and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area.

Sincerely,

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John C. Brophy  
Calaveras County Superintendent of Schools



## CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 23, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of California State University, Stanislaus to express my institution's strong support for CENIC's *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including our county, Stanislaus. If this plan is funded, it is our intent to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out by our institution through our academic programs and support services which are designed to ensure our students can compete in a global marketplace.

The California State University is the largest, public 4-year system of higher education in the country and serves over 435,000 students at 23 campuses.

CSU Stanislaus currently provides education to approximately 8,500 students, and a sustainable technology infrastructure such as the one proposed will greatly enhance our ability to carry out our educational mission.

If funded, the deployment of the *Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan* will be used by CSU Stanislaus to:

- Enhance the quality of distance education services provided at our Stockton campus through video technologies while doing so at a lower cost,
- Enable collaborative multi-campus services between partner institutions, improving quality while reducing costs,
- Provide new opportunities for broadband access to the Turlock community and our students who are drawn from within a 10,000 square mile service area, much of which lacks adequate access to the Internet.

We are eager to work with CENIC to make this plan a reality. As a primary anchor institution in our county, the proposed broadband network infrastructure will ensure that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity to the campus community that global communities and marketplaces demand.

We appreciate CENIC's leadership on this important project. We wish you success in the effort to secure funding and, look forward to helping bring the project to a timely and successful conclusion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ham Shirvani'.

Ham Shirvani  
President

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March 19, 2010

Mr. Jim Dolgonas  
President and CEO  
Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
La Mirada, CA 90638

Dear Mr. Dolgonas:

I am writing on behalf of the Kern Community College District to express my institution's strong support for CENIC's **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** to expand and improve broadband options in 18 counties within the California Central Valley area including counties in our service area, Kern and Tulare. If this plan is funded, it is our intent to utilize this robust new infrastructure to help meet the goals set out by our institution through our academic programs and support services which are designed to ensure our students can compete in a global marketplace.

California Community Colleges is the largest system of community colleges, serving 25 percent of all such students in the United States. Annually, approximately 70% of all public K-12 students in the country, who graduate and attend college, do so at a California Community College.

The Kern Community College District, through its three Colleges, Bakersfield College, Cerro Coso Community College, and Porterville College, currently provides training and education to approximately 28,000 students each semester. A sustainable technology infrastructure will enhance our ability to carry out our educational mission.

If funded, the deployment of the **Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan** will be used by the Kern Community College District to:

- Provide high speed bandwidth network connections between several campus locations within our district which will eliminate current and future bandwidth limitations that impact access to instructional and information technology resources and significantly lower related operational costs.
- Ensure high availability and access, for students, faculty and staff, to instructional and information technology resources located within and outside of the Kern Community College District through the use of diverse connections to the Internet.
- Support the need for broadband Internet access in our service areas where broadband access is either unavailable or limited. This new broadband infrastructure will be available to other public agencies and to private Internet Service Providers in our communities that do not currently have affordable access to a high speed Internet backbone connection.

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As a primary key anchor institution in the five counties that comprise our service area, the network infrastructure will ensure that we can provide the ubiquitous, seamless connectivity global markets and their supportive technologic tools demand.

We are eager to work with CENIC to make this plan a reality. It will support our institutions and the residents of unserved and underserved communities in our service area for a long time into the future.

Respectfully,



Sandra V. Serrano, Chancellor  
Kern Community College District

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cc: Patrick Perry, California Community Colleges  
Greg Chamberlain, President, Bakersfield College  
Rosa Carlson, President, Porterville College

# AMADOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION



March 8, 2010

Jim Dolgonas, President and CEO  
Corporation of Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)  
16700 Valley View Avenue, Suite 400  
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Dear Mr. Dolgonas,

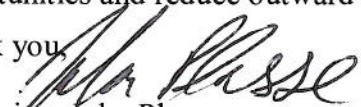
The Amador Community College Foundation (ACCF) strives to bring higher education opportunities to Amador County. ACCF strongly supports the efforts of CVIN/CENIC to further expand access to higher education through the Central Valley Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan. This effort greatly improves access to distance learning and online classes in Amador County.

Being a rural county, transportation and access to options for higher education in Amador County is difficult, especially for those living in remote areas of the county. The proposed 500+ mile multi-wavelength fiber optic broadband network spanning 27 percent of the State of California's geography will assist ACCF in bringing higher education options to a greater number of residents in Amador County. By partnering with selected private firms to provide the last mile wireless network infrastructure, you are enabling local businesses, residences and government agencies to access cost-effective higher speed broadband capabilities not currently available in our region of California.

This effort further strengthens the goals of ACCF to build enrollment and establish a community college presence in Amador County, which remains one of the few counties in California without a formally established community college presence. Specifically, the Central California Next Generation Broadband Infrastructure Plan will be used by Cosumnes River College and various businesses in Amador County to further establish a community college presence. Currently ACCF aims to provide Career Pathway programs for high school students who enroll in college classes while attending high school. In this way, high school students who establish a career pathway prior to graduating from high school are more likely to transition into college.

ACCF recognizes the need for Amador County to provide post-secondary education access and opportunities to all county residents. ACCF feels that the results of this project will enhance community college efforts in the county, which in turn will attract businesses, improve economic opportunities and reduce outward migration of high school graduates seeking higher education.

Thank you,

  
Supervisor John Plasse  
ACCF Board Chairman



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