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Subject: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Extension Request, The State of New Jersey Broadband Network (Award ID: NT10BIX5570105) for Award Period from 08/01/2010 to 12/31/2013

Date: August 30, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of New Jersey requests a period of performance extension until December 31, 2013 to continue the successful implementation of our Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) award. This request includes this project's extension rationale and provides supporting documentation as attachments to the Award Action Request (AAR).

- 1) **Reason(s) for Extension Request:** The State of New Jersey has experienced circumstances that have caused the need for an extension beyond the original project end date. The narrative below provides an explanation of how the project-specific circumstances resulted in the need for a period of performance extension; our proposed plan for addressing any outstanding issues; and the project benefits that will be delivered prior to the conclusion of the extension period.

The State of New Jersey has been unable to secure a Spectrum Manager Lease Agreement (SMLA) with FirstNet.

NTIA has indicated the State can modify its project plan for non-spectrum activities within the grant guidelines. These planned activities will not require FirstNet approval.

The State will utilize the time period through December 31st, 2013 to complete a non-LTE focused project plan and other supporting documentation.

A recent discussion between FirstNet and the State raised the possibility that the parties may be able to reach agreement on the SMLA after all. While the State will continue to pursue that possibility and will keep NTIA apprised of developments, the State will require the requested extension in any event, whether or not the SMLA is ultimately approved.

The State of New Jersey understands that it must continue to comply with all statutory and programmatic requirements. This is a no-cost period of performance extension request only (i.e., no additional BTOP funding will be provided under this extension request).

Sincerely,

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