

Robert E Sheets

CEO, Government Services Group

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Revenue Enhancement & Management
- Long-Range Strategic Planning
- Capital Project Management
- Public Utility Management

EXPERIENCE

30 years/8 with GSG

EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, University of Texas at Arlington
- Completed all coursework toward Masters Degree in Urban Management, University of Texas at Arlington

CAREER SUMMARY

Robert Sheets brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to his role as Chief Executive Officer of Government Services Group. During a career that has spanned nearly 30 years, he has become a respected authority on topics related to community development, including service delivery, revenue enhancement, long range strategic planning, cost allocation planning, indirect cost rate proposals, and filing for reimbursement from federal entitlement programs. As such, he has been an integral figure in the development and implementation of more than 200 local and state projects pertaining to areas of fire services, stormwater, solid waste, transportation and economic redevelopment.

As a project manager and consultant, Mr. Sheets has engaged in major support roles to determine revenue maximization for numerous state departments within Florida, including the Executive Office of the Governor, Community Affairs, Law Enforcement, Department of Corrections, and Labor and Employment Security. The primary focus in each of these engagements dealt with and emphasized the maximization of federal funding from each department's cognizant agency.

As CEO of Government Services Group, Mr. Sheets has directed well over 100 successful revenue enhancement projects for local governments throughout Florida and the Southeast. In 2003, he served as Project Director for the first user fee study in the history of the City of Daytona Beach, FL. Charged with the role of determining the full cost of City services in support of major local events, Mr. Sheets and the GSG project team developed a five-year strategy emphasizing long-range planning in order to maximize funding from such events.

As a respected authority on local government project management issues, Mr. Sheets has spoken before numerous city and county agencies throughout Florida, having delivered presentations to the Governmental Finance Officers Association, Association of Counties, League of Cities, Florida Sheriffs Association, Broward County League of Cities, Broward County City Managers Association, Dade County's Municipal League, the Florida City & County Managers Association, the Florida Association of Court Clerks, the Certified Chief Information Officers, the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence, the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration, and the Florida Association of Tax Collectors.

On a national level, Mr. Sheets has addressed local governments coast-to-coast on issues pertaining to enhanced revenue and funding strategies, service delivery improvements, privatization, and home rule revenue options.

PATRICK E. LIEN, MBA

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SENIOR-LEVEL MANAGEMENT EXECUTIVE

Results-driven executive with proven success in sales, marketing, business development, operations, and P&L management. Solid leadership skills and work ethic; implement creative ways to identify new growth opportunities. Motivate and lead profitable sales teams; outstanding coach and sales trainer.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

R.W. BECK, INC., Orlando, FL 2006 - 2009
Technically-based business consultants providing independent engineering and strategic planning services - including assessment of market, financial and political/policy development for city and county clients.

Vice President, Senior Client Manager

Conducted management consulting in public utility environment. Collaborated on due diligence process for company investments. Mentored and trained up to 19 client managers and marketing staff.

- ◇ Increased year-over-year labor revenue by 100% (1st year) through re-establishing client relationships.
- ◇ Grew revenues from \$2.5M to \$5M.
- ◇ Personally recognized as regional leader in providing strategic planning/owner advisory services for cities/counties in Florida.

MURPHY BUSINESS & FINANCIAL CONSULTING/TRANSWORLD, Orlando/Tampa, FL 2002 - 2005
One of the largest business brokerage firms in the nation.

Business Broker/Senior Management Consultant

Provided strategic management and financial consulting services for companies prior to corporate sale or business succession, including market and operational analysis, business and sales evaluation, and implementing corrective solutions for deficiencies.

CAVU, INC., Orlando, FL 1999 - 2001
Startup Internet access provider utilizing fixed wireless technology.

Vice President, Corporate Development & Sales / Principal

Conceptualized and established successful metro area Internet Service Provider (ISP), utilizing fixed wireless technology to provide secure, redundant connectivity. Authored business plans, secured business partners, recruited senior management staff, selected site, created and implemented all policies and procedures, and directed initial operational launch.

- ◇ Directed initial finance/operations/sales; grew staff from 0 to 220 employees operating in 6 markets
- ◇ Awarded prestigious *Best Built Public Network* at Supercomm (2001).
- ◇ Drove 325% increase in company valuation (7 months); procured \$55M in venture capital.
- ◇ Global Crossing; personally negotiated international network deal valued at \$200M.
- ◇ *E-Expedient* (network trade name) now owned and operated by US Voice & Data.

ARCADIS, Atlanta, GA 1998-1999
Leading, global, knowledge-driven engineering design firm; 34 U.S. locations.

Vice President / National Account Director, Telecommunications

Recruited to establish company as one of Top 10 vendors to the wireless infrastructure industry. Managed business development for telecommunications and land development sector, to include marketing and project management for major providers (Sprint, AT&T, Nextel).

EDUCATION / CONTINUING EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WEST FLORIDA, Pensacola, FL

Master of Business Administration; GPA: 3.5

US NAVAL ACADEMY, Annapolis, MD

Bachelor of Science, Political Science; ranked in top 1/3 of class.

DESIGN BUILD INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Treasurer, Florida Region

ACTIVE & RESERVE MILITARY EXPERIENCE

U.S. NAVY/NAVY RESERVES, *Distinguished military career; retired as Commander; Top Gun graduate Naval Flight Officer* Flew F-14A Tomcat in Mediterranean and North Atlantic theaters.

Tarek M. Fahmy

Director of Operations

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- * Utility Management
- * Feasibility Analysis/Projections
- * Financial/Operational Cost Control
- * Negotiation & Arbitration
- * Business Valuation
- * Business Process Re-engineering

EXPERIENCE

24 years

EDUCATION

- ❖ MBA (with distinction) - University of Michigan
- ❖ M.S. Construction Management - Eastern Michigan University
- ❖ M.S. Civil Engineering - North Dakota State University
- ❖ B.S. Construction Engineering - Lawrence Technological University

CAREER SUMMARY

As FGUA's Director of Operations, Tarek Fahmy oversees all capital improvement projects for our clients. He is responsible for overseeing design consultants, project managers, contractors, and inspectors within municipal projects such as water, wastewater, roads, and drainage systems. Tarek also oversees specific client and project development, monitors project management procedures, assists in operations, staff recruiting, and assumes project executive responsibilities on current projects. He leads teams of internal and external clients from conceptual stage to final project completion, prepares proposals, supervises team members in preparing final contract documents, estimates cost and manpower, and delivers presentation to clients and general public.

During his career, Mr. Fahmy has successfully administered a portfolio of governmental contracts with a value exceeding \$100 million in Michigan, Ohio and Indiana. He also provided consulting services and studies for numerous clients with projects valued up to \$0.1 trillion.

Throughout his career, Mr. Fahmy has saved clients millions of dollars aggressively negotiating, supervising, or advising various municipal contracts.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

As a project executive, Mr. Fahmy had total responsibility for several Detroit Water & Sewerage Department – DWSD Projects, including construction, supervision of design/build consultants, preparation of estimates, planning, directing, and coordinating activities. Mr. Fahmy has severed as a project director in the development and implementation for the following capital projects:

Infrastructure Project Experience

STORM AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION/TREATMENT SYSTEMS

WATER SUPPLY

ROADS AND BRIDGES

WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Susan Krause



Work Experience

Seminole County Clerk of the Court,

Assistant Finance Director

Orlando, FL 08/02-06/04; Sanford, FL 06/04-Present

- Supervise, oversee and direct the daily operations of accounting and BOCC records staff of 17.
- Prepare CAFR and accompanying reports. Ensure all entries, reconciliations and schedules are prepared for annual audit.
- Maintain integrity of accounting system using Oracle JDE 8.12 software. Also responsible for bi-weekly payroll of 1400 county employees and the receipts and disbursements associated with Seminole County's one billion dollar budget.
- Review all budget documents for accuracy. Provide oversight of employees tasked with minute taking for the Board, recording all legal documents for the County and running the value adjustment board.
- Maintenance of fixed asset records. Assist departments in developing efficient methods of accounting and problem solving.
- Continually review procedures and accounts for accuracy. Ensure compliance with all new pronouncements of federal, state and local laws.
- Continually review internal controls of department for efficiency.

Silver Moon Concepts

Large Account Sales Manager/Sale Analysis

Tampa, FL 06/84-06/86

- Responsible for managing large chain store accounts for wholesale costume jewelry manufacturer.
- Duties include weekly analysis of sales reports from customers to ensure continued success of product lines.
- Manage the balance of styles with other departments while ensuring the quality of goods, consistent packaging and timely shipment from Florida and China.
- Point person for all customer contact and resolution of problems.

Certified Public Accountant

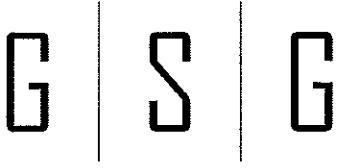
Self Employed Accountant 06/93-08/02

Prepare individual, corporate and partnership tax returns; this included business valuations, financial statements and tax planning.

Education

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, 1983



GOVERNMENT SERVICES GROUP, INC.

Faith Doyle
Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

CAREER SUMMARY

Having experienced several levels of administrative responsibility at entities of various sizes, I consider myself a versatile professional, creative thinker and tenacious problem solver with the proven ability to take on the most difficult of challenges, with an acute understanding of the intricacies of political organizations, including the handling of sensitive and confidential information while supporting an organizational vision

As an Executive Administrative Assistant for Government Services Group's Contract Services Division, I am responsible for the review, dissemination and prioritization of all incoming correspondence and documents directed to the Vice President of Operation. I work closely with the Vice President and GSG's upper management to ensure contract compliance with several of GSG's major clients. As the board clerk/administrator to multiple CDD boards (Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA), St. Lucie West Services District, and Key Largo Wastewater Treatment District), I coordinated preparation of official documents for presentation to the board, in conjunction with upper level management and consultants. I was directly involved with developing and drafting of the strategic plans, annual reports, budgets, contracts, agreements, and resolutions for these boards. I am responsible for the planning and scheduling of meeting locations, including rooming accommodations and banquets for the FGUA, and travel throughout the State of Florida to attend these meetings. I am responsible for the preparation of agenda packages for distribution to the board members and upper level staff. My duties also included producing and maintaining the official records of each board as separate entities, including meeting minutes, public notices, bid announcements and bond issues, per Florida Statutes.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Records Management
Document Coordination
Interaction with Boards and their support staff

EXPERIENCE

Borough of New Stanton
University of Pittsburgh
Government Services Group

EDUCATION

Westmoreland County Community College
Shippensburg University
University of Pittsburgh
Seminole County Community College

Crystalyn R. Carey
Shareholder
Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

Areas of Practice

- Provides ongoing general counsel and special counsel representation to governmental authority and public utility clients
- Assists clients with local government home rule, public records, Sunshine law and finance and tax issues.
- Represents clients in the structure and implementation of public/private partnerships and planning and finance issues relating to the provision of local government infrastructure and services.
- Represents counties, municipalities, school districts, underwriters and conduit borrowers in all facets of taxable and tax-exempt public finance transactions.
- Represents state and local affordable housing issuers and underwriters in bond and low-income housing financings and other federal and state housing matters.
- Represents lenders and borrowers in real estate acquisitions and financings, including the issuance of title insurance commitments and policies.
- Represents counties and municipalities in the development, structure and implementation of special assessment programs for services (fire, solid waste, stormwater, roadway maintenance) and capital facilities.
- Represents governmental entities in the development, structure and implementation of impact fees for various growth-related capital improvements, including schools, transportation, parks and recreational facilities, fire, EMS & libraries.

Professional, Civic & Community Involvement

- The Florida Bar, Member
- The Florida Bar: City County and Local Government Law Section and Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Section
- Member, National Association of Bond Lawyers
- Agent, Old Republic Title Insurance Company
- Frequent speaker on Florida local government matters for the Florida Institute of Government, National Impact Fee Roundtable, Florida Government Finance Officers' Association, Florida Association of Local Housing Finance Authorities and at annual seminars on local government finance and taxation sponsored by Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson.

Education

- J.D., Magna cum laude, Florida State University College of Law
 - Law Review: Associate Editor
 - Journal of Transnational Law and Policy: Executive Editor
- B.A., Political Science, Magna cum laude, University of South Florida

DARRIN M. MYLET

EXPERIENCE

WIRELESS INFRASTRUCTURE and NETWORK SERVICES (WINS) (Tampa FL & Hood River OR)

CEO, Co-Founder (2--2009-- Present)

- Design, Build and Deploy wireless networks.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION
(Washington DC)

Special Government Advisor (1/2007 – Present)

CANTOR-FITZGERALD (New York, NY USA) www.cantor.com

Vice President of Wireless Services (October 2003-1/2009)

- Created, Developed & Manage Cantor Spectrum and Tower Exchange www.cantor.com/spectrum
- Created & launched platform for revolutionary mobile wireless gambling project in Las Vegas NV. Help create legislative, legal, technical and market strategy for launch in 2007. www.cantorgaming.com
- Created Mobile Platform Strategy for Cantor Mobile USA www.cantormobile.com. Both MVNO (Mobile Virtual Network Operator) and Agent Model.
- Inventor-Major Contributor to 6 patent pending concepts combining spectrum, wireless and finance, gaming, trading and exchange applications.
- Actively working with regulators from FCC, NTIA, OFCOM (United Kingdom), Australia, Hong Kong, India and the EU on public policy for Spectrum Management, Auctions/Dynamic Allocation & Trading.
- Developed several business models for mobile video and data-cast technologies.

RADIANT NETWORKS INC. (Cambridge, UK & Tampa, FL USA) www.radiantnetworks.com

Vice President of Sales-Americas (March 2002-October 2003)

Primary responsibility is selling a revolutionary wireless broadband access platform (hardware & software) to major and emerging telecommunications/broadband companies.

Director of Sales-Americas (10/2000-4/2002)

MFS/WORLDCOM/MCI WORLDCOM www.mci.com

Data Global Sales Manager, 1/2000-10/2000 (Tampa FL)

Global Account Manager, 5/1999-1/2000 (Fort Wayne IN)

Data Account Executive, 7/1998-5/1999 (Indianapolis IN)

EDUCATION

Indiana University (Bloomington IN) – B.A. Economics

St. Joseph College (Fort Wayne IN) M.B.A. (Not Complete)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & PUBLIC SPEAKING

Supercomm, WCAI, BFWA, Internet World, USTA, WCAI, CTIA, NAB, DySpan, WISPCON, ISPCON, EU/UK SPECTRUM TRADING, BWWF, NTIA, NATPE, eComm, Microsoft MobDev Conf, Progress & Freedom Foundation speaking and participation 1999-2009



Jim Selby



PROFILE

As an industry entrepreneur and pioneer wireless internet service provider, Jim Selby specializes in advanced wireless broadband technologies such as Licensed Exempt Frequencies, Metro Ethernet, Municipal Wi-Fi, 802.11 evolutions and WiMAX with a focus on applications, business strategy, systems architecture, product development and service delivery. Dubbed the "Wireless Guerrilla" by the Wall Street Journal, Selby's expertise was called on Homeland Security events like the Presidential Inauguration where he was the first to use licensed exempt frequency in mission critical applications.

EXPERIENCE

CHIEF TECHNOLOGIST ASPEN WIRELESS NETWORKS, LLC — PRESENT

- Provide highly specialized, technology-neutral business consulting for the wireless industry
- Specialize in license-exempt wireless and Internet technologies including; Muni Wi-Fi and HotSpots, WiMAX, Mesh, Video, Data, Mobility, and Public Safety applications
- Design carrier-grade turnkey systems
- Engineer networks that provide maximum ROI
- System integration expertise in over 28 manufacturers
- World-renowned for notable accomplishments in licensed exempt frequency

VP OF WIRELESS TECHNOLOGIES AT CENTURYTEL NYSE:CTL— 2005-2007

- Designed, won and implemented the Vail Municipal Wi-Fi Network over AT&T, Qwest, Nortel and others
- 100% success of every Municipal RFP response submitted
- Performed and oversaw multimillion dollar technical trials and strategic investments.
- Designed a 29 state, 37 market national Wi-Fi Hot Spot architecture to increase DSL subscriber retention
- Produced technology at one-half the cost of vendor proposed solutions

FOUNDER AND MANAGING PARTNER AT DEFACTO WIRELESS — 2003-2005

- Founded a prominent global distributor of advanced wireless broadband technologies
- Advised on all aspects of wireless technology.
- Managing partner Selby was responsible for Strategy, vendor relationships, logistics to product development and sales training.

CHIEF TECHNOLOGY OFFICER AT NATIONAL BROADBAND — 2002-2003

- Founder of first nationwide broadband wireless network covering 38 states, 420 POPs and over 18,000 route-miles of fiber optics
- First to Architect paradigm carrier technology "Mid-Stage Injection" later copied by Telegent and WiTel
- Negotiated an exclusive contract with a national fiber optic network
- Created a truly disruptive technology ahead of its time

FOUNDER AND CEO AT ASPENWAVE — 1999-2001

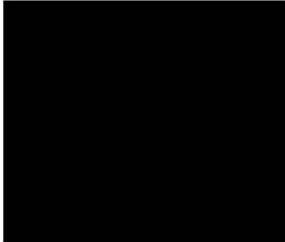
- Founded, engineered and deployed one of the first ubiquitous citywide Wi-Fi networks in Aspen, Colorado.
- Innovated network attracted attention and provided inspiration to others – think
- WISP's, Hotspots, Boingo and Tropos metro Wi-Fi. Dubbed the "Wireless Guerrilla", Selby
- One of first Muni Wi-Fi builds in the world

EDUCATION

Central Michigan University — BS, Oceanography Biology, 1988

Scott Stevens

Entrepreneur & Interdisciplinary Professional in Wireless and IP Communications



Experience

President, Scott Stevens Inc.; Hood River, Oregon - Current

Professional interdisciplinary consulting services. Clients include startups, carriers or any business that uses wireless or IP communications. Some examples of clients served:

- **Obama Campaign, Tech and Telecom Policy Committee – 2008**
- **Insitu, Advanced Development Group – 2008**
- **CenturyTel, Executive Strategic Wireless Team - 2006-08**

Managing Partner, Aspen Wireless Technologies; Aspen, Colorado - 2002-06

Aspen Wireless provides highly specialized, technology-neutral business consulting for the wireless industry.

Co-Founder President/CTO, WorldWorkz LLC; San Diego, California - 2003-06

Business Plan Author, Financial Modeling, Strategic Relations and Technology Innovation;

Founder/Managing Partner, Defacto Wireless & AirMatrix; Brenham, Texas - 2002-05

Fundraising, Financial Modeling, Strategic Relations, Business Oversight, Contracts/Legal, Team Management, Sales/Marketing, Technology Innovation, Training and Support;

Conceptual Co-Founder, National Broadband LLC; Aspen, Colorado 2002-04

National Broadband was the United States' first nationwide wireless broadband provider. Its key appeal was the use of standards-based technologies to eliminate barrier to entry.

Manager Broadband Division, Electro-comm Distributing; Denver, Colorado 2000-04

Recently acquired by Hutton Communications, Electro-comm began its transformation in 2000 and 2001 into an international powerhouse distributor of wireless data products by identifying a technology with huge potential. Forged alliances, brought technologies and formed online communities that helped start a nascent industry now known as Fixed Wireless, Broadband Wireless or WiMAX, commonly considered 4G wireless communications.

JEFFREY H. HENDRY

GENERAL SUMMARY: Over twenty-three years of professional research, technical assistance, organizational and project leadership, management and administration experience related to Florida state and local government, and Florida State University System (SUS) issues.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 1993 to Present:

Florida State University

The John Scott Dailey Florida Institute of Government at Florida State University (IOG)

Executive Director. As Executive Director, serves in leadership and executive capacity reporting directly to the Vice Provost and Vice President for Programs and Planning at Florida State University with responsibility for the Executive Office of the IOG and its five affiliate IOG programs. Leadership positions in Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, the Center for Florida Local Government Excellence (CFLGE). Currently serve as Executive Director for the North Florida Economic Development Partnership, the Suwannee River League of Cities and the Northwest Florida League of Cities.

Associate Director, Research Programs and Services. Served in executive management capacity reporting directly to the IOG's Executive Director, and later to the Vice President for Programs and Planning. Led statewide training and technical assistance initiatives with the Florida League of Cities, the Florida Association of Counties, state agencies, and other state and local governmental associations and entities. In addition, served as the Executive Director for the Northwest Florida League of Cities.

Coordinator for Education, Training, and Technical Assistance Programs. Responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing various state and local government research, training, and technical assistance projects.

EDUCATION

Masters of Public Administration, Florida Atlantic University, August 1990
Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, Florida Atlantic University, December 1985

ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Deacon, Elder and Member, Fellowship Presbyterian Church
Executive Director and Member, Capital City Tiger Bay Club

34. PROJECT PLAN - KEY PHASES AND MILESTONES (ATTACHMENT E)

Time Period	Quarter	Milestones (List all relevant milestones)	Support for Reasonableness/Data Points
Year 0		Business Case Development, Partnerships with Local Government Entities, Network Design. Finalize Schedule & Budget.	Determining the needs of local government and their unserved constituents drove the business case. Network design engineered to serve those needs.
Year 1	Qtr. 1	Hire personnel and engage contractors. Engineer head-end routers. Secure Licenses & Agreements, Formalize Tower Leases, Site Acquisition, County Vertical Assets, Vendor Quotes and DIA Connectivity Agreements. Procure Equipment & Tools, start inside plant requirements, Provision Internet Uplink. Receive & Stage Equipment.	Formalize Agreements & Contracts. Determine resources and equip with tools and processes. Uplink into the internet.
	Qtr. 2	Prepare Sites, Towers, Staging Facility, Tech Benches, Tools and Bucket Trucks. Begin Construction of Backhaul Links and OSS & Billing Integration.	Laying the foundation so deployment timetables can stay on track and set up facilities to support the build out.
	Qtr. 3	Complete OSS & Billing Integration, set processes and procedures. Local Tech training, Marketing Plan development. Train staff and local technicians. Complete Backhaul links.	Integrating the technology to the operational and business process. Expand microwave middle mile to ready government agencies.
	Qtr. 4	Complete Network Operations Center and NMS elements. Set up provisioning portal. Start beta edge access subscribers for feedback.	Refinement of infrastructure and subscriber tests. Tools/Utilities used to monitor infrastructure will identify potential issues
Year 2	Qtr. 1	Install and turn-up more Customer sites finish trouble report process, Train more install technicians and set procedures for NOC, customer service and help desk.	Work out subscriber growth issues and set a scalable sustainable business. Tools/Utilities used to monitor infrastructure will identify potential issues under subscriber load.
	Qtr. 2	Evaluate additional Tower site installations. Test wholesale and roaming agreement integration, portal refinement, order testing, and operations readiness verification.	Load network with more subscriber density, resolve any roaming and wholesale partner issues.
	Qtr. 3	Determine order processing development, local sales channel and training requirements. Engineer next round of Microwave Backbone links for expanding to new areas.	Increase subscriber acquisition and other revenue streams.
	Qtr. 4	Review NMS logs, tweak and refine network logical layer if appropriate, test, document and validate Network is operational.	Resolve any routing and capacity issues and improve the operational process.
Year 3	Qtr. 1	Install and turn-up more Customer sites finish trouble report process, Train more install technicians and set procedures for NOC, customer service and help desk.	Work out subscriber growth issues and set a scalable sustainable business. Tools/Utilities used to monitor infrastructure will identify potential issues under subscriber load.
	Qtr. 2	Evaluate additional Tower site installations. Test wholesale and roaming agreement integration, portal refinement, order testing, and operations readiness verification.	Load network with more subscriber density, resolve any roaming and wholesale partner issues.
	Qtr. 3	Review NMS logs, tweak and refine network logical layer if appropriate, test, document and validate Network is complete and operational. Make post mortem report.	Build-out completed
	Qtr. 4		

34 - INFRASTRUCTURE BUILD-OUT TIMELINE (ATTACHMENT E)

	Year 0	Year 1				Year 2				Year 3			
	-	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Infrastructure Funds													
Infrastructure Funds Advanced (estimate)	\$31,010,676	\$8,062,776	\$4,192,643	\$2,431,733	\$1,483,357	\$1,157,019	\$948,755	\$787,467	\$669,347	\$622,493	\$603,818	\$603,818	
% of Total Funds		26%	52%	58%	61%	78%	82%	83%	85%	93%	97%	100%	
Entities Passed & %													
Households	154,258	30,852	13,883	9,024	6,317	4,738	3,790	3,222	2,899	2,725	2,644	2,644	
% of Total Households		20%	45%	65%	70%	75%	80%	85%	90%	94%	97%	100%	
Businesses	26,893		96	148	215	230	249	293	319	349	360	372	
% of Total Businesses		12%	26%	40%	58%	62%	67%	79%	86%	90%	95%	100%	
Strategic Institutions	1,573	204	45	22	12	8	6	4	4	4	4	4	
% of Total Institutions		13%	22%	48%	56%	65%	71%	78%	91%	95%	98%	100%	

Challenges

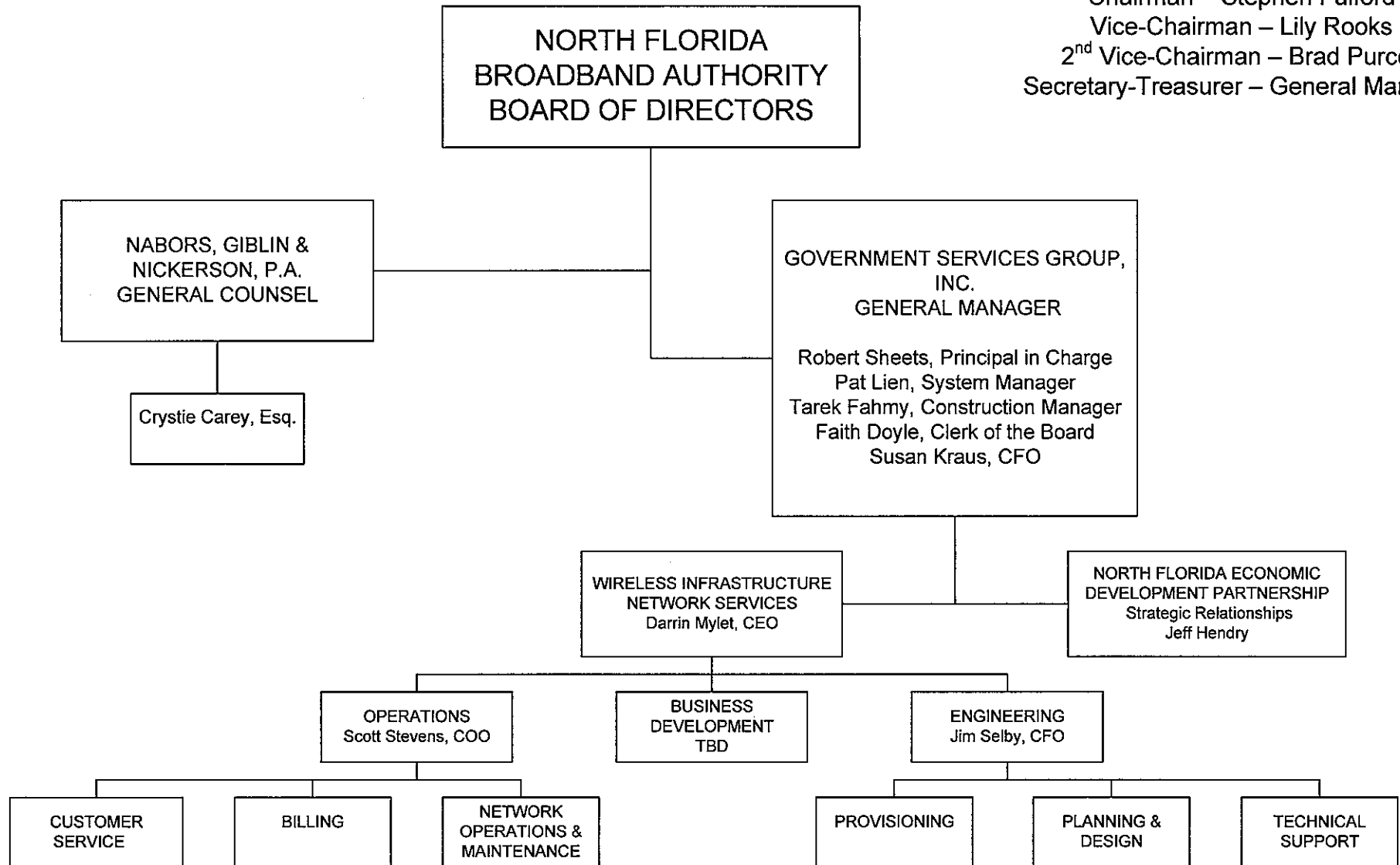
The primary foreseeable challenge to the timely completion of this project is weather. Hurricane season in Florida can be ruthless. North Florida Broadband Authority has engineered robust structures and equipment to withstand extremely harsh conditions, including concrete structures at the base of every tower. Our tower crews and system integrators have a communication plan in place and are longtime local Floridians familiar with hurricane conditions.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Officers

Chairman – Stephen Fulford
Vice-Chairman – Lily Rooks
2nd Vice-Chairman – Brad Purcell
Secretary-Treasurer – General Manager

ORGANIZATION CHART



North Florida Broadband Authority Board of Directors

Baker County – Darryl Register
Bradford County – Christopher Thurow
City of Cedar Key – Scott Dennison
Columbia County – Todd Manning
Cross City – Scott Gantt
Gilchrist County – Tommy Langford
Hamilton County – Henry Land
Jefferson County – Stephen Fulford
City of Lake City – Wendell Johnson
Levy County – Lily Rooks
City of Live Oak – Mark Stewart
Madison County – Allen Cherry
City of Monticello – Tom Vogelgesang
Putnam County – Rick Leary
Suwannee County – Murphy McClean
Taylor County – Bobby Lewis
Union County – Tim Allen
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City of Worthington Springs – John Rimes

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Assistant Secretary
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
Washington, D.C. 20230

Re: North Florida Broadband Authority Project

Dear Sir or Madam:

We are General Counsel for the North Florida Broadband Authority, (the "Applicant"). In such capacity, we acted as counsel to the Applicant in connection with its ability to apply to the Broadband Initiatives Program and/or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program and in the review of the grant agreement, as referenced in the Notice of Funds Availability.

In connection with this opinion, we have reviewed and examined the following documents:

1. Interlocal Agreement Relating to Establishment of the North Florida Broadband Authority, dated August 7, 2009 between Baker County, Bradford County, City of Cedar Key, Columbia County, Town of Cross City, Gilchrist County, Hamilton County, Jefferson County, City of Lake City, Levy County, City of Live Oak, Madison County, City of Monticello, Putnam County, Suwannee County, Taylor County, Union County, Town of White Springs and City of Worthington Springs, Florida (the "Interlocal Agreement") as recorded in the Official Records of each county and Leon County, Florida.
2. Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of the North Florida Broadband Authority Board of Directors held on August 7, 2009.
3. Notice of Funds Availability, dated July 9, 2009, Federal Register/Volume 74, No. 130 ("Notice of Funds Availability").
4. Broadband Initiatives Program Loan/Grant and Security Agreement form between awardee and the United States of America ("Loan/Grant Agreement").
5. U.S. Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Award Form CD-450, including Department of Commerce Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions (March 2008), Special Award Conditions, 15 CFR Part 24, Uniform Administrative

Requirements for Grants and Agreements to State and Local Governments, OMB Circular A-87, Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments, 48 CFR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Nonprofit Organizations (collectively, the "Grant Agreement").

We have examined and relied upon the representations contained in the above listed documents and such other agreements, certificates, documents and opinions, including certificates or representations of public officials and other officers as we have deemed relevant and necessary in connection with the opinions expressed below. In our examination of the foregoing, we have assumed the genuineness of signatures on all documents and instruments, the authenticity of documents submitted as originals and the conformity to originals of documents submitted as copies.

Based on such review and such other considerations of law and fact as we believe to be relevant, we are of the opinion that:

(a) the Applicant is a duly organized and validly existing legal entity and public body of the State of Florida created by the Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Section 163.01(7)(g), Florida Statutes.

(b) the Applicant has the full legal right, power and authority: (1) to execute and deliver the Grant Agreement or Loan/Grant Agreement, as applicable; and (2) to perform all acts required to be done by it under said agreements.

(c) there is no action, suit, legal proceeding, inquiry or investigation, at law or in equity, before or by any court, government agency, public board or body, pending or threatened against the Applicant, the outcome of which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the Grant Agreement or the Loan/Grant Agreement, as applicable, or adversely affect any security to be pledged under a Loan/Grant Agreement, if applicable, and there are no judgments against the Applicant and no liens against any property of the Applicant which would adversely affect the Applicant's ability to perform the duties under the Grant Agreement or any security to be pledged under a Loan/Grant Agreement, if applicable.

(d) Pursuant to the Interlocal Agreement, the Applicant has the power to own property and carry out its business as now conducted.

(e) The Applicant has duly authorized all action necessary to be taken by it or on its behalf by its Authorized Representatives in connection with the delivery and execution of its request for funding pursuant to the Broadband Initiatives Program and/or the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program.

This opinion is being rendered solely for the benefit of the addressees and may not be relied upon by any other person or entity without our prior written consent.

Respectfully submitted,

Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.

**Broadband Infrastructure Application
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Certification Regarding Lobbying for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

We NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the Applicant)
, the undersigned certify, to the best of our knowledge and belief, that:

- (1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on our behalf, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant or loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
- (2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, we shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying, in accordance with its instructions. See <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/sflllin.pdf> for Disclosure Instructions.
- (3) We shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31 U.S.C. § 1352. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

8/11/2009
(Date)

Stephen G. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford
Name:

Chair
Title:

**Broadband Infrastructure Application
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**Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters -
Primary Covered Transactions**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

This certification is required by the regulations implementing Executive Order 12549, *Debarment and Suspension*, 7 C.F.R. § 3017.510, *Participants' Responsibilities*.

- (1) We NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the Applicant) (hereinafter the "Company") hereby certify to the best of our knowledge and belief that neither the Company, nor any of its principals:
- (a) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for Debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
 - (b) have within a 3-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (Federal, State, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) are presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (Federal, State, or local) with commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (1)(b) of this certification; and
 - (d) have within a 3-year period preceding this Application had one or more public transactions (Federal, State, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) If we are unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, we shall attach an explanation hereto.

8/11/2009
(Date)

Stephen H. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford
Name:
Chair
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**Broadband Infrastructure Application
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**Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition
Policies Act of 1970 Certification**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

We NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the Applicant) assure the U.S. government that we will comply with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4601 *et seq.*, and with implementing federal regulations in 49 C.F.R. Part 24 and 7 C.F.R. Part 21.

Specifically, we assure that whenever Federal financial assistance is used to pay for any part of the cost of a program or Project which will result in the displacement of any person:

- (a) Fair and reasonable relocation payments and assistance shall be provided to or for displaced persons in accordance with sections 202, 203, and 204 of the Uniform Act;
- (b) Relocation assistance programs offering the services described in section 205 of the Uniform Act shall be provided to displaced persons; and
- (c) Within a reasonable period of time prior to displacement, comparable replacement dwellings will be available to displaced persons in accordance with section 205(c) (3) of the Uniform Act.

8/11/2009
(Date)

Stephen H. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford
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**Broadband Infrastructure Application
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Certification Regarding Architectural Barriers

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

All facilities financed with Rural Development loans that are open to the public, or in which physically handicapped persons may be employed or reside, must be designed, constructed, and/or altered to be readily accessible to, and usable by, handicapped persons. Standards for these facilities must comply with the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. §4151 *et seq.*) and with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards (UFAS), (Appendix A to 41 C.F.R. subpart 101-19.6).

As a prospective primary participant recipient of financial assistance from Rural Development, this organization commits to carry out Rural Development's established policy to comply with the requirements of the above referenced law to the effect that all facilities must be readily accessible to and usable by handicapped persons.

We, NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the Applicant) hereby certify that, as a prospective recipient under the Rural Broadband Initiatives Program, we are in compliance, or will be in compliance upon completion of the Project, with the above referenced law.

8/11/2009
(Date)

Stephen G. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford
Name:

Chair
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**Broadband Infrastructure Application
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Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Certification

**U.S. Department of Agriculture
Broadband Initiatives Program**

All loans and grants made under the Broadband Initiatives Program are subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, (7 C.F.R. Part 15); Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, (29 U.S.C. 901 *et seq.*; 7 C.F.R. Part 15b); and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. 6101 *et seq.*; 45 C.F.R. Part 90), and Executive Order 11375, Amending Executive Order 11246, Relating to Equal Employment Opportunity (3 C.F.R. 1966, 1970).

All recipients of financial assistance from Rural Development, the prospective primary participant commits to carry out Rural Development's established policy to comply with the requirements of the above laws and executive orders to the effect that no person in the United States shall, " on the basis of race, color, national origin, handicap, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under the Broadband Initiatives Program.

We NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY (the Applicant) hereby certify that, as a prospective recipient under the said Broadband Initiatives Program, we will comply with the above referenced laws and executive orders.

8/11/2009

(Date)

Stephen H. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford

Name:

Chair

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING LOWER TIER COVERED TRANSACTIONS

Applicants should review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying."

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

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Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT

AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME

NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY - UBIQUITOUS MIDDLE MILE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

Stephen G. Fulford

SIGNATURE

DATE

Stephen H. Fulford

8/11/2009

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB

0348-0046

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. contract <input type="checkbox"/> b. grant <input type="checkbox"/> c. cooperative agreement <input type="checkbox"/> d. loan <input type="checkbox"/> e. loan guarantee <input type="checkbox"/> f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input type="checkbox"/> a. bid/offer/application <input type="checkbox"/> b. initial award <input type="checkbox"/> c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input type="checkbox"/> a. initial filing <input type="checkbox"/> b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Congressional District, if known:	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, if applicable: _____	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant (if individual, last name, first name, MI):	b. Individuals Performing Services (including address if different from No. 10a) (last name, first name, MI):	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less that \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: <u>Steph H Fulford</u> Print Name: <u>Stephen G. Fulford</u> Title: <u>Chair</u> Telephone No.: <u>850 342 0287</u> Date: <u>8/11/2009</u>	
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NAME OF APPLICANT <i>NORTH FLORIDA BROADBAND AUTHORITY</i>	AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME <i>UBIQUITOUS MIDDLE MILE</i>
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE <i>Stephen G. Fulford</i>	
SIGNATURE <i>Stephen G. Fulford</i>	DATE <i>8/11/2009</i>

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Certification Requirements BTOP

**U.S. Department of Commerce
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

(i) I certify that I am authorized to submit this grant application on behalf of the eligible entity(ies) listed on this application, 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.

(ii) I certify that the entity(ies) I represent have 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.

(iii) If requesting BTOP funding, 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 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); DOC American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Award Terms (April 9, 2009); and any Special Award Terms and Conditions that are included by the Grants Officer in the award."

8/11/2009
(Date)

Stephen M. Fulford
(Authorized Representative's Signature)

Stephen G. Fulford

Name:

Chair

Title:

North Florida Broadband Authority Letters of Support

Legislative

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson
Congressman F. Allen Boyd, Jr.
Representative Debbie Boyd
Representative Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda

City and County Leadership

Alachua County Board of County Commissioners
Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners
Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners
Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners
Levy County Board of County Commissioners
Putnam County Board of County Commissioners (Chairman Harris)
Putnam County Board of County Commissioners (Vice-Chairman Laibi)
City of Lake City Mayor
City of Live Oak Mayor
City of Monticello Mayor
City of Trenton City Manager
City of Worthington Springs Mayor

Essential Public Services

Gilchrist County Sheriff
Jefferson County Sheriff
Lafayette County Sheriff
City of Lake City Police Chief
City of Lake City Assistant Fire Chief
Levy County Sheriff
City of Live Oak Police Chief
City of Live Oak Fire Chief
Hamilton County Sheriff
Madison County Sheriff
City of Monticello Police Chief
Putnam County Sheriff

Education and Libraries

Florida Department of State Library and Archives
Florida LambdaRail, LLC
Florida School Boards Association, Inc.
Lake City Community College
New River Public Library Cooperative
North East Florida Educational Consortium
North Florida Community College
School Board of Madison County
Suwannee River Regional Library
Three Rivers Regional Library System
Union County Public Library
University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service Dixie Extension
University of Florida Bradford County Extension
University of Florida Hamilton County Extension
University of Florida Jefferson County Extension
University of Florida Lafayette County Extension
University of Florida Levy County Extension
University of Florida Madison County Extension
University of Florida Taylor County Cooperative Extension

North Florida Broadband Authority Letters of Support

Economic Development

Baker County Development Commission
Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc.
Florida Office of Economic Recovery
Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce
Jefferson County Economic Development Council
Madison County Development Council
Pure Water Wilderness (Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy Tourism Development Board, Inc.)
Putnam County Development Authority
Putnam County Chamber of Commerce
Suwannee County Economic Alliance
Taylor County Development Authority
Workforce Florida, Inc. (President & CEO)
Workforce (Solutions for North Florida's Economy)
WorkSource

Health Care

Lake Butler Hospital Hand Surgery Center
North Florida Medical Centers, Inc.

Water Management Districts

Suwannee River Water Management District



United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-0905

BILL NELSON
FLORIDA

August 11, 2009

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, Northwest
Washington, District of Columbia 20230

RE: Letter of Support - Federal Broadband Infrastructure Stimulus Grant

Dear Honorable Strickling:

I am pleased to provide this letter in support of the efforts' of the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) to obtain funding under the above-mentioned grant. The goal of their proposed project is to significantly impact the expansion of, accessibility to, and affordability of an advanced broadband network throughout a 14-county region serving Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union counties. I respectfully request your consideration of this organization's application for federal stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

If funded, the broadband advancement and economic development of North Central Florida will create a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. We believe that NFBA will transform this rural region over the next ten and twenty years and provide the necessary communications infrastructure for current and prospective businesses and industry.

Again, I encourage your consideration of this worthy cause. If I can be of further assistance in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below.

Sincerely,


BN/pg

CC: Ms. Lynn Bannister, Regional Director, U. S. Senator Bill Nelson

ALLEN BOYD
SECOND DISTRICT, FLORIDA

COMMITTEE:
APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEES:
AGRICULTURE AND RELATED AGENCIES

DEFENSE

FINANCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE:
BUDGET

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

August 10, 2009

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Mr. Robert E. Sheets
North Florida Broadband Authority
1500 Mahan Dr, Suite 250
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Mr. Sheets:

It is with much enthusiasm that I am writing in support of North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) on behalf of its efforts to obtain broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

As you are well aware, much of North Florida has been designated a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC). The NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of this RACEC region. I understand that NFBA covers 14 counties in the North Central Florida RACEC region. Five of those counties (Dixie, Jefferson, Lafayette, Suwannee & Taylor) lie within Florida's Second Congressional District. I know and realize, firsthand, the tremendous potential broadband would bring to this region's economy.

Through the NFBA, I support broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. I believe that the NFBA will provide the North Central RACEC region with access to an advanced broadband infrastructure, aiding in meeting the challenges of our new information economy.

I truly believe this is a worthy project that exemplifies exactly the intentions of the ARRA legislation. A broadband network infrastructure in this area stands to bring countless opportunities to already-established small businesses as well as larger businesses looking for a new area in which to expand. I gladly lend my support to the North Florida Broadband Authority as they see this project to fruition.

Sincerely,

F. Allen Boyd, Jr.

F. Allen Boyd, Jr.
Member of Congress

AB:th



Florida House of Representatives
Representative Debbie Boyd
District 11

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August 10, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Mr. Sheets:

I am writing today to strongly support the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Representing Lafayette, Dixie, Suwannee, Gilchrist and Columbia counties, five counties that fall within a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) region, I understand deeply how essential broadband infrastructure is to the future of these communities.

Broadband infrastructure is the key to healthcare, education, public safety, emergency management, alternative energy (e.g., smart grid), and research by providing high speed access to resources and tools not available within the "walls" of a traditional community institution. It is also the lifeblood of the business community; without broadband infrastructure we will have nothing on which we can build a sustainable economy for generations to come.

I am committed to ensuring the future of our area and look forward to participating in collaborative efforts with state, regional, local and community-based, and private partners to develop a robust advanced broadband infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Boyd".

Debbie Boyd



Rep. Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda
Florida House of Representatives
District 9

August 10, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Facsimile: (866) 596-0367

Dear Mr. Sheets:

I am pleased to provide this letter of support of the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Last month at the request of House Speaker Larry Cretul, I had the pleasure of serving on the National Conference of State Legislatures' Agriculture and Energy Committee and learned firsthand that broadband capacity is the single best action we can take for our economic growth. Panelists at the conference argued that to compete in the global marketplace, the states need to address the digital divide and I know in North Florida we stand ready because of the efforts of the NFBA.

Designed as a regional collaboration to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) region, the NFBA is positioned to assist Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this economically distressed region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

As a member of the Florida legislature and a college professor for over 22 years, I strongly support the work of the NFBA to achieve broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. I believe that the NFBA will provide the North Central RACEC region with access to a robust advanced broadband infrastructure, helping us to meet the challenges of our new information economy.

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The NFBA regional and community area networks will:

- Advance Community Efforts in healthcare, education, public safety, emergency management, disaster preparedness, alternative energy (e.g., smart grid), and research through high speed access to innovative experiences, resources and tools otherwise not available within the “walls” of a traditional community institution. The community will be better equipped to push research and information sharing beyond the community borders, not stranding research or critical, perhaps life-saving data.
- Create Local Jobs by keeping support services within the community and generating jobs for designers and builders of broadband networks, manufacturers of broadband-enabled equipment and devices, developers of software and other applications and creators of content of all kinds. A high performance advanced broadband network will not only attract and enable modern, competitive businesses that require big broadband, but it will also support local small business entrepreneurs who require access to business on the web.
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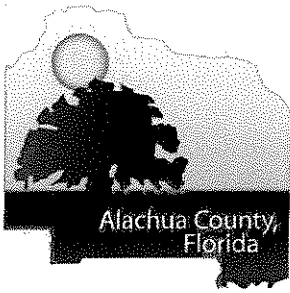
I look forward to participating in collaborative efforts with state, regional, local and community-based, and private partners to develop a robust advanced broadband infrastructure and thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter of support. Please let me know if there is anything else my office can do to be helpful with this process.

Sincerely,



Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda
Representative, District 9

MRV:aac



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August 11, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
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RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Dear Mr. Sheets,

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Sincerely,



Mike Byerly, Chair
Alachua County Commission

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cc: Board of County Commissioners
Randall H. Reid, County Manager
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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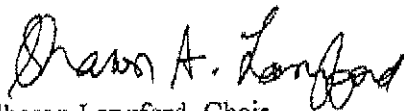
Vision Statement

Our vision for Gilchrist County in 2020 is rural communities working in harmony to provide opportunities for all its citizens through balanced growth and enhanced education, while preserving our proud heritage, natural resources and agriculture.

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Sharon Langford, Chair
Gilchrist County Board of County Commissioners

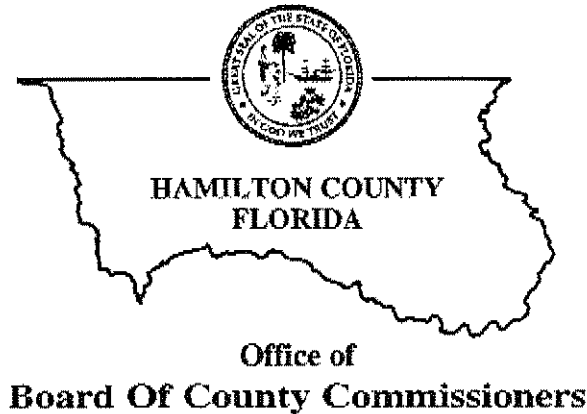
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August 3, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Hamilton County is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

Through the NFBA, we support broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. We believe that NFBA will provide Hamilton County with access to a robust advanced broadband infrastructure, helping us to meet the challenges of our new information economy.


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Sincerely,


Randy Ogburn,
Chairman

Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Florida
Room 10, County Courthouse, Monticello, Florida 32344

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North Florida Broadband Authority
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August 6, 2009

Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Jefferson County is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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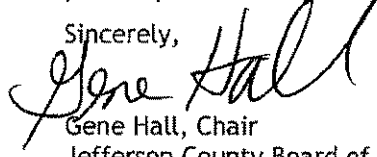
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We look forward to participating in collaborative efforts with state, regional, local and community-based, and private partners to develop a robust advanced broadband infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gene Hall". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "G" and "H".

Gene Hall, Chair
Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners

North Florida Broadband Authority
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Tallahassee, Florida 32308
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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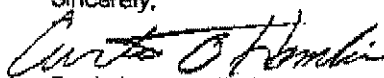
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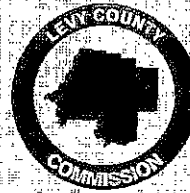
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Sincerely,



Curtis Hamlin, Chair
Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners

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August 5, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
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Tallahassee, Florida 32308
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Levy County is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Sincerely,



Nancy Bell, Chair
Levy County Board of County Commissioners



PUTNAM COUNTY

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

R. G. Leary
County Administrator

July 24, 2009

Rick Breer, Chairman
North Florida Economic Development Council
162 South Marion Avenue
Lake City, Florida 32025

Dear Chairman Breer:

On behalf of the Putnam County Board of Commissioners, this letter is in support of the regional economic development program and grant application being submitted to Enterprise Florida and OTTED by the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP).

We appreciate your efforts in obtaining the designation of the Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) for our region and support the regional economic development efforts made on our behalf. We look forward to working with supporting the NFEDP in its regional economic development efforts including those related to securing broadband infrastructure and support services.

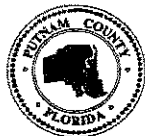
Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

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Nancy S. Harris, Chairman

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August 4, 2009

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Sincerely,

Chip Laibl, Vice-Chairman
 Putnam County Board of County Commissioners



City of Lake City

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August 3, 2009

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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STEPHEN M. WITT

Vice-Mayor-Councilman
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RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The City of Lake City is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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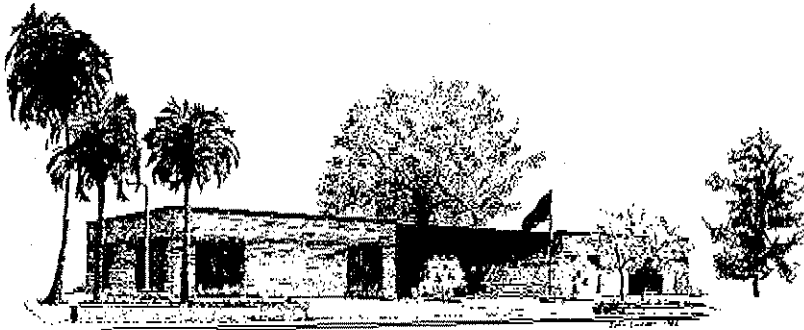
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Sincerely,



Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City



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August 3, 2009

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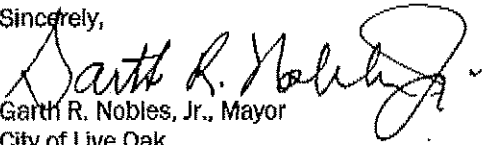
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Sincerely,


Garth R. Nobles, Jr., Mayor
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Sincerely,


Tom Vogelgesang, Mayor
City of Monticello

City of Trenton
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Trenton, FL 32693



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Jered Ottenwess
City Manager



The City of Worthington Springs

P.O. Box 150
Worthington Springs, FL 32697

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5 August 2009

Dear Mr. Sheets,

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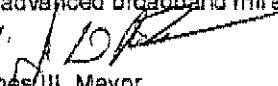
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John Rimes III, Mayor
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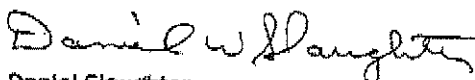
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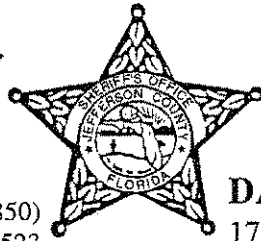
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Daniel Slaughter
Gilchrist County Sheriff

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North Florida Broadband Authority
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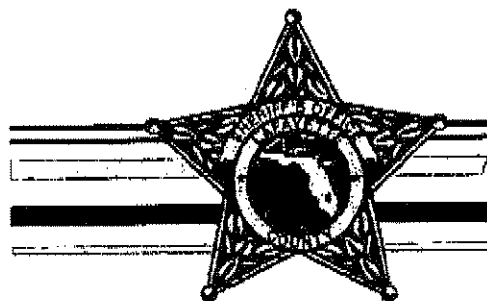
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Sincerely,



David C. Hobbs, Sheriff
Jefferson Conty



Sheriff Brian N. Lamb

Lafayette County

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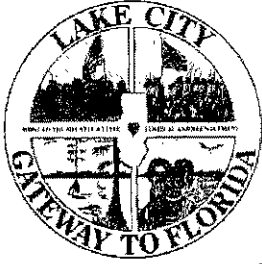
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August 3, 2009

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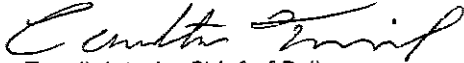
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Carlton Tunsil, Interim Chief of Police
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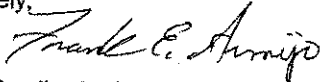
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Sincerely,



Frank Armijo, Assistant Fire Chief
City of Lake City



JOHNNY SMITH, SHERIFF
9150 N.E. 80 AVE.
BRONSON, FL 32621

August 6, 2009

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Johnny Smith
Levy County Sheriff



LIVE OAK POLICE DEPARTMENT

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ALTON K. "BUDDY" WILLIAMS, III
CHIEF OF POLICE

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August 3, 2009

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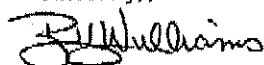
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Sincerely,



Buddy Williams, Chief of Police
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Sincerely,



Chad Croft, Fire Chief
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Sincerely,

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J. Harrell Reid
Hamilton County Sheriff



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BENJAMIN J. STEWART

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The Madison County Sheriff is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Sincerely,


Benjamin Stewart
Madison County Sheriff

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The Monticello Police Department is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.


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Sincerely,


Fred Mosley, Police Chief
City of Monticello

 Jeff Hardy, Sheriff

SHERIFF

 Putnam County

August 4, 2009

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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Sincerely,

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Jeff Hardy
Putnam County Sheriff



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Secretary of State

August 12, 2009

Robert E. Sheets
North Florida Broadband Authority
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
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Dear Mr. Sheets:

I am writing to support the North Florida Broadband Authority grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. ARRA grant funds will provide the north Florida region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to drive north Florida forward now and in the future.

I believe that this innovative grant opportunity will give north Florida a great foundation for achieving the broad goals of economic stimulus and start positioning north Florida libraries for the future. I also believe that NFBA will provide public libraries and their patrons with access to a robust, advanced broadband infrastructure, helping them to better serve their communities.

As the grant application process unfolds in three phases, I support the development of this network in phase one, which is due August 14, 2009.

I look forward to participating in collaborative efforts with state, regional, local and community-based, and private partners to develop a strong advanced broadband infrastructure.

Sincerely,

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August 11, 2009

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Florida LambdaRail (FLR), a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit LLC consortium of 12 public and private Florida universities, is pleased to provide this letter of support for the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) application for federal broadband grant money under the NTIA BTOP program (CFDA #11.557) to enable regional connectivity to FLR. FLR is a Research and Education Network and is one of the state's backbone providers capable of providing upstream Internet connection.

NFBA, encompassing most of the counties that comprise one of Florida's three designated Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC), qualifies as the top priority of the NTIA BTOP program. Covering 13 rural and underserved counties, this is the once in a lifetime opportunity for the region to procure needed broadband capability for area educational institutions, hospitals, local government agencies and more.

We believe this project epitomizes the intent of the NTIA BTOP program to serve areas of need and unleash innovation that will help Florida achieve the vision of a knowledge-driven economy and a rising standard of living for all its citizens.

Yours with appreciation,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Phillip Halstead".

J. Phillip Halstead, Ph.D.



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August 11, 2009

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Dear Mr. Sheets:

On behalf of the Florida School Boards Association, I am writing to express strong support for the efforts of the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) to obtain broadband funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA).

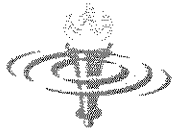
I applaud NFBA's effort to establish a collaborative and united approach to meet the broadband network needs of this region. Much of north Florida has been designated a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern, making it particularly difficult to maintain, improve, and expand essential services that relate to, or rely upon, technology. It is evident that ARRA grant funding would allow the NFBA region to access innovative resources and tools, would create job opportunities, would provide cost savings, and would promote collaboration and efficiency. In so doing, there is great potential for school districts in the region to benefit, particularly in areas such as virtual instruction programs, professional development, career education, and data collection and analysis.

I believe that this is a worthy project that aligns with the broad goals of the economic stimulus and with the specific needs of the school districts in this region. The Florida School Boards Association enthusiastically supports NFBA in this effort.

Sincerely,

Wayne Blanton
Executive Director

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From the Office of the President

August 12, 2009

Mr. Robert E. Sheets
North Florida Broadband Authority
1500 Mahan Dr, Suite 250
Tallahassee, FL 32308

Dear Mr. Sheets:

It is with great pleasure that Lake City Community College (LCCC) submits this letter of support for the rural broadband initiative proposal being submitted on behalf of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP). LCCC offers many programs and courses that have been developed to help students transfer to universities, qualify for and begin careers, or realize a personal interest or goal through Workforce and Economic Development programs.

LCCC serves a five county district twice the size of Rhode Island with most residents having limited or no access to broadband. The proposal submitted by NFEDP will improve the availability of broadband to the service community whereby improving access to educational programs and professional staff development.

LCCC has worked hard to alleviate the burden of ever increasing travel costs through video conference classrooms for instructional delivery in the counties served as well as a multitude of Internet courses. The costs associated with connecting the video conference sites back to the main campus are substantial and we see this project as an opportunity to reduce the cost of delivery as well as enhance the quality. This project will also allow us to provide additional technology and services to our rural communities which have been limited due to bandwidth.

LCCC is excited about the possibility of having a tower located on campus and the prospect of towers located at the secondary schools in our district. This initiative is directly in line with a long time goal of the college to get affordable network connectivity in all of the counties we serve. It also aligns us with collaborative opportunities which have been considered, but put on hold due to network limitations, with other postsecondary institutions within the fourteen county area being served by this initiative.

In closing, LCCC is excited and hopeful that this initiative is given full consideration. This initiative will not only increase the educational opportunities for the residents of rural North Florida, but it will enhance their daily lives also.

Sincerely,

Charles W. Hall, Ed.D.
President



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6 August 2009

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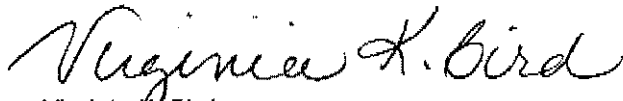
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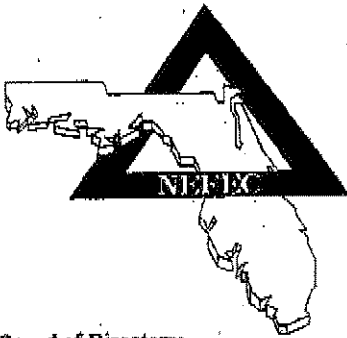
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Virginia K. Bird
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August 6, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
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Facsimile: (866) 596-0367

Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support for the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant
Application for Broadband Funding

The North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC) enthusiastically supports the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The North East Florida Educational Consortium is a regional preK - 12 organization that assists school districts in northeast Florida in obtaining resources and services that they could not otherwise afford on their own. This proposal builds on the efforts of NEFEC because it provides essential infrastructure for Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union County School Districts with ARRA grant funds that will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel north Florida forward now and long into the future.

Through the NFBA, NEFEC supports broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. We believe that NFBA will provide northeast Florida with access to a robust advanced broadband infrastructure, helping us to meet the challenges of our new information economy.

The NFBA regional and community area networks will:

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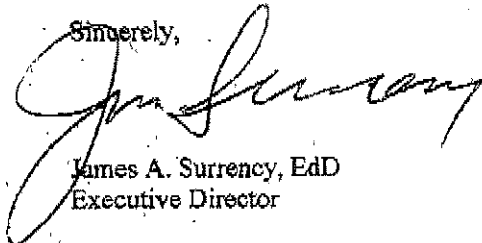
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We believe that this innovative opportunity will give north Florida a great foundation for achieving the broad goals of the economic stimulus and start positioning north Florida for the future. As the grant application process unfolds in three phases, we support the development of this network in phase one (due August 14th). We look forward to participating in collaborative efforts with state, regional, local and community-based, and private partners to develop a robust advanced broadband infrastructure.

Thank you for the opportunity to bring the students of the rural districts of northeast Florida opportunities that they might not otherwise be afforded.

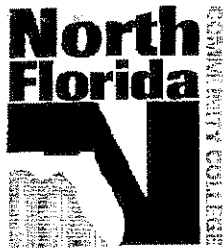
Sincerely,



James A. Surrency, EdD
Executive Director

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August 10, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find this letter to be an enthusiastic endorsement of the rural broadband initiative proposal submitted on behalf of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership. North Florida Community College is a comprehensive community college offering Associate in Arts (transfer degree), Associate in Science, and Associate in Applied Science degrees, as well as postsecondary vocational certificates. The College also provides community education opportunities for area residents and conducts regular continuing workforce education courses for residents and area businesses and industries. Delivery of all education products in the twenty-first century relies heavily upon information technologies in general and broadband infrastructure in particular.

The proposal submitted by the NFEDEP will significantly increase broadband access for thousands of residents in our six-county service district. Currently, many residents have little or no access to broadband. This fact severely impacts the ability of the College to deliver online courses and blended (part online, part face-to-face) courses in our service district and beyond. Additionally, most NFCC classes include online materials to support face-to-face course delivery. Students with limited access to broadband are at a disadvantage. The availability of wireless broadband in the service district will level the playing field for students in our rural service district.

The College is open to the location of a tower on our campus. Additionally, the College will assist in the facilitation of locating other towers within the service district, especially on the campuses of other education institutions (K-12). The advantages of this kind of wireless technology on a College-to-school platform are many. The College will also be available as a partner in the delivery of training and support efforts for this project.

In short, NFCC is fully supportive of the initiative. Implementation of the proposed project will eliminate an unfair and unnecessary impediment to higher education access experienced by students in rural areas for years. The project will allow our rural students, residents, businesses, and industries to compete on near-equal footing with counterparts in suburban and urban areas. We look forward to working with the NFEDEP on this exciting broadband initiative.

Sincerely,

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John D. Grosskopf
President

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August 4, 2009

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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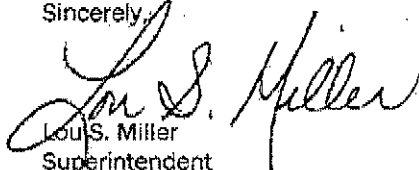
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Sincerely,


Lou S. Miller
Superintendent


Clyde Alexander
School Board Chairman

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JOHN D. HALES, JR.
DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES

August 6, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
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Dear Mr. Sheets:

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The Suwannee River Regional Library, composed of eight libraries serving Hamilton, Madison, and Suwannee Counties, enthusiastically supports the efforts of NFBA to secure a grant for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and into the future.

Through the NFBA, we support broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. We believe that NFBA will provide Suwannee River Regional Library with access to a robust advanced broadband infrastructure, helping us to meet the challenges of our new information economy.

All of our eight libraries are rural and the three service counties are REDI (Rural Economic Development Initiative) and RACEC (Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern) designates by the State of Florida. This innovative opportunity will give our libraries and North Florida a great foundation for achieving the broad goals of the economic stimulus and we look forward to participating in these collaborative efforts to develop a robust advance broadband infrastructure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John D. Hales, Jr." in a cursive style.

John D. Hales, Jr.

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Three Rivers Regional Library System - TRRLS (Dixie, Gilchrist and Lafayette counties), is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future:

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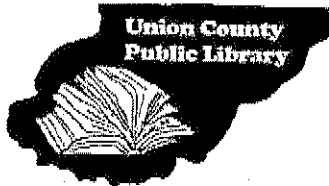
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Sincerely,



Stephen J. Hurd

Director, Three Rivers Regional Library System



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August 6, 2009

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

**RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant
Application for Broadband Funding**

The Union County Public Library is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

Through the NFBA, we support broadband advancement and economic development by creating a sustainable regional and statewide infrastructure that interconnects Community Anchor Institutions and extends advanced broadband infrastructure into communities through Community Area Networks. We believe that NFBA will provide the Union County Public Library with access to a robust advanced broadband infrastructure, helping us to meet the challenges of our new information economy.

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Mary C. Brown, Library Director



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August 5, 2009

Mr. Robert E. Sheets
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RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

Dear Mr. Sheets:

The Dixie County Extension office is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Holly Houghton, County Extension Director
Dixie County Extension Office



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Tim Wilson, County Extension Director

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The Hamilton County Extension office is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Gregory T. Hick, County Extension Director
Hamilton County Extension Office

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U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Florida, IFAS, Florida A&M University Cooperative Extension Program, and Boards of County Commissioners Cooperating.



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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The Jefferson County Extension office is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Lilly Jr."

John Lilly, Acting County Extension Director
Jefferson County Extension Office



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Lafayette County Extension

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The Lafayette County Extension office is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Janna Hart, County Extension Director
Lafayette County Extension Office

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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Sincerely,


Albert Fuller, County Extension Director
Levy County Extension Office

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August 5, 2009

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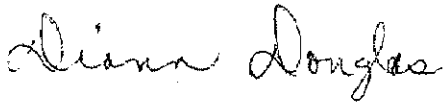
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Diann Douglas
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Clay Olson, County Extension Director
Taylor County Extension Office

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Baker County Development Commission
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The Baker County Development Commission is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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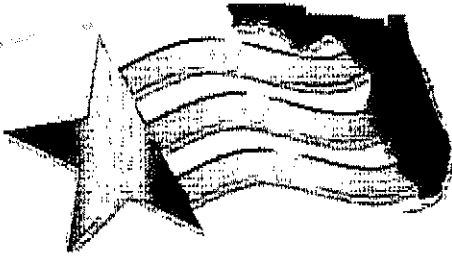
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Darryl Register, Executive Director
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August 4, 2009

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RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for
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Florida Crown Workforce Board (FCWB) is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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John Chastain
Executive Director
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THE FLORIDA OFFICE OF Economic Recovery



August 5, 2009

The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

The Office of Economic Recovery supports the application of the North Florida Broadband Authority for grant funding under the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (NTIA BTOP).

The eighteen counties to be covered by the Authority are an area of Florida that is largely unserved or has very limited competition for broadband service at this time. The counties are mostly rural and have been designated as Rural Areas of Critical Economic Concern by the Governor. Expanded broadband service is necessary to develop and diversify the economy of the area and lay the foundation for improvements in education, health care and public safety services.

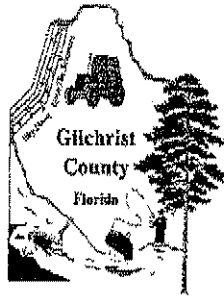
This grant funding will enable the Authority to build Middle Mile facilities that any Last Mile provider can use to bring broadband to a diverse set of customers—residents and both public and private sector entities.

The North Florida Broadband Authority's plans, and the resulting benefits to the state of Florida, are in concert with the stated goals of the BTOP program as set forth in the NTIA Notice of Funding Opportunity released in the Federal Register on July 9, 2009.

Sincerely,

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Don Winstead
Special Advisor to the Governor



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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Sincerely,



Mrs. Kyle Stone
Executive Director
Gilchrist County Chamber of Commerce



August 7, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
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Dear Mr. Sheets:

In re: Funding for North Florida Broadband Authority

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Julie S. Conley
Executive Director

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August 4, 2009

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Sincerely,



Ed Meggs,

Chairman



PURE WATER WILDERNESS

Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy Tourism Development Board, Inc.

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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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Donna Creamer

Executive Director

Pure Water Wilderness

Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy Tourist Development Board

CHARLES W. "WES" LARSON, II
Executive Director



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August 6, 2009

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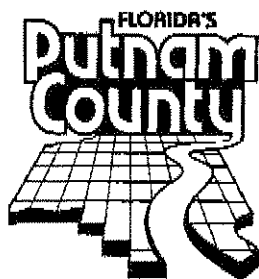
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C. W. Larson II

Executive Director



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

August 6, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

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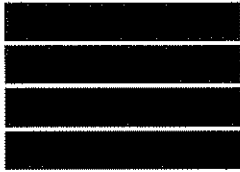
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Dear Mr. Sheets,

RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

The Taylor County Development Authority (TCDA) is an enthusiastic partner in the North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) grant application for broadband stimulus funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). NFBA is a regional collaboration designed to meet the essential and advanced broadband network needs of the region consisting of the counties of Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, Union and numerous municipalities within these counties. ARRA grant funds will provide this region with the necessary and rapid economic stimulus to propel North Florida forward now and long into the future.

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Sincerely,

Jim Bassett, Chairman

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Workforce *Florida, inc.*

Belinda Keiser, *Chair*
Chris Hart IV, *President*

August 7, 2009

Mr. Jeff Hendry, Executive Director
North Florida Economic Development Partnership
325 John Knox Road, Building 300
Tallahassee, FL 32303

Dear Mr. Hendry,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter in support of the North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP) Rural Broadband Access Proposal.

Though Florida is the fourth most populous state in the U.S., a substantial portion of the state is comprised of rural communities. As of the 2000 Census, 32 of Florida's 67 counties are considered rural. These 32 counties cover just over 42 percent of Florida's nearly 54,000 square miles of land area. Approximately 1.1 million of Florida's 16 million citizens live in those rural counties.

Historically, rural communities have been disadvantaged, underserved or not served at all. For this reason, one of Workforce Florida's top priorities is to facilitate workforce development and economic growth in Florida's rural communities, enabling them to not only strengthen their own economies, but to contribute to the state's overall economic resurgence.

One of the ways Workforce Florida has made evident its commitment to this priority is through issuance of a Request for Proposal, designed strictly for rural counties, for up to \$1 million for installation of and future use of broadband in these rural counties. Another way we back this priority is by supporting organizations that have similar goals for rural areas. NFEDP – which covers Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putman, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union counties provides regional economic development coordination to businesses interested in expanding or relocating to the area. As a fellow economic and workforce-development proponent, NFEDP recognizes broadband access as a critical piece of infrastructure that would empower its region to fully embrace technologies essential to workforce and economic development advancement, including distance learning, telemedicine, and entrepreneurial business development.

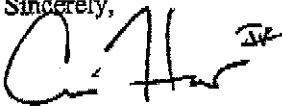
Workforce Florida is fully engaged in supporting the development and growth of Florida's rural areas. A catalyst for creating and nurturing world-class talent, Workforce Florida is Florida's statewide, business-led workforce policy board. Charged with overseeing the state's workforce system, Workforce Florida develops strategies to help Floridians enter and advance in the workforce while supporting economic development priorities and strengthening the state's business climate.



Mr. Jeff Hendry
August 7, 2009
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In summary, Workforce Florida appreciates the chance to lend its support to this effort, which we believe will result in greater growth opportunities for businesses and individuals in Florida's rural areas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Hart IV". The signature is stylized and includes a small mark at the end.

Chris Hart IV
President & CEO
Workforce Florida



August 3, 2009

North Florida Broadband Authority
c/o Robert E. Sheets
1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Facsimile: (866) 596-0367

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RE: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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Sheryl Rehberg, Executive Director



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RE: North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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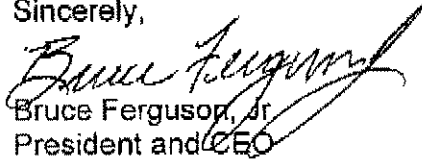
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Sincerely,


Bruce Ferguson, Jr.
President and CEO

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August 6, 2009

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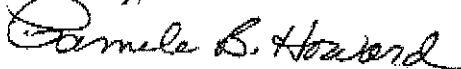
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Sincerely,



Pamela B. Howard, CEO

Lake Butler Hospital Hand Surgery Center

North Florida Medical Centers, Inc.

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August 4, 2009

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SUWANNEE RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

August 6, 2009

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Subject: Letter of Support North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA)
Grant Application for Broadband Funding

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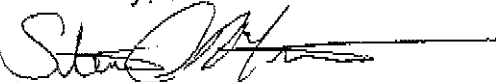
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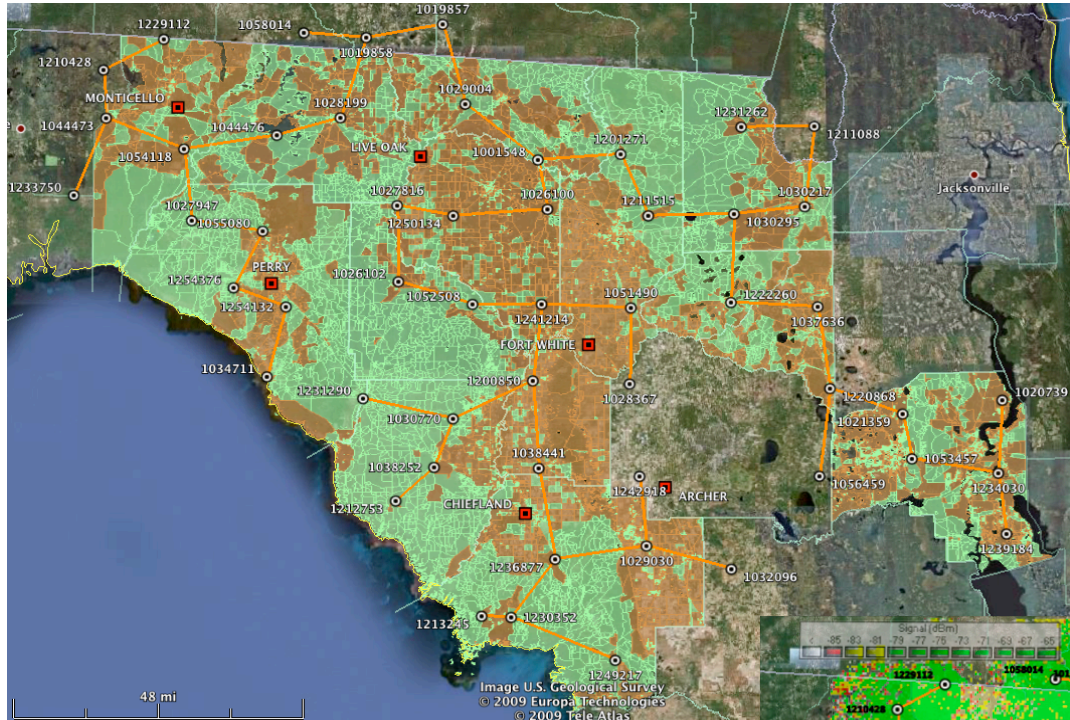
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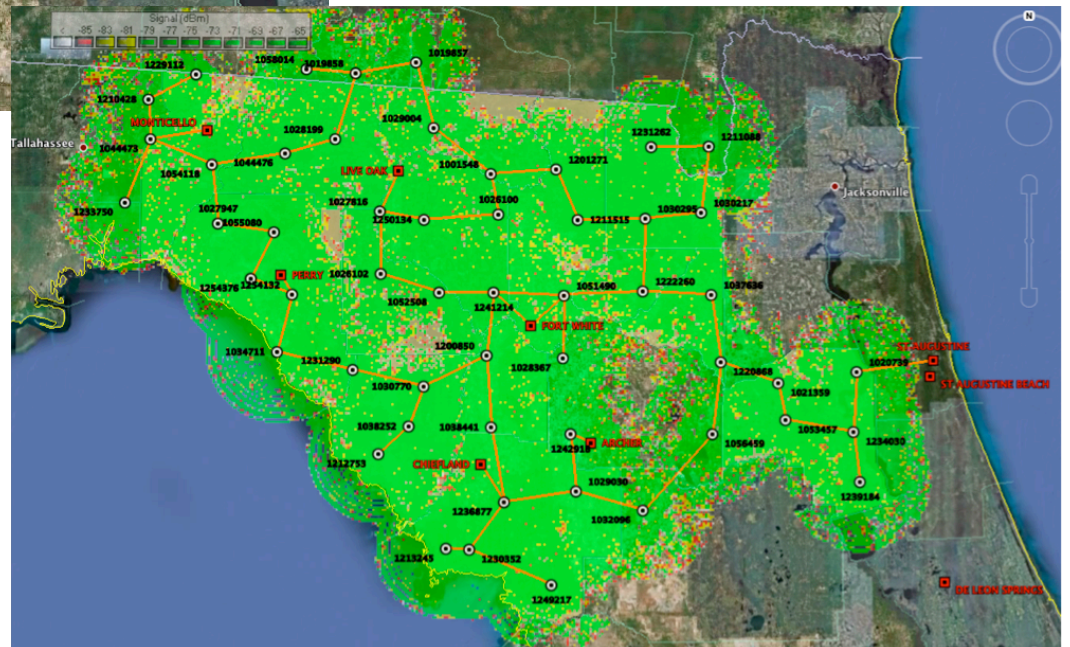
Steven Minnis

Director of Governmental Affairs

Middle mile points of interconnection in the proposed funded service area, including the extent to which these interconnection points are in unserved or underserved service areas
Brown = served Green = unserved or underserved



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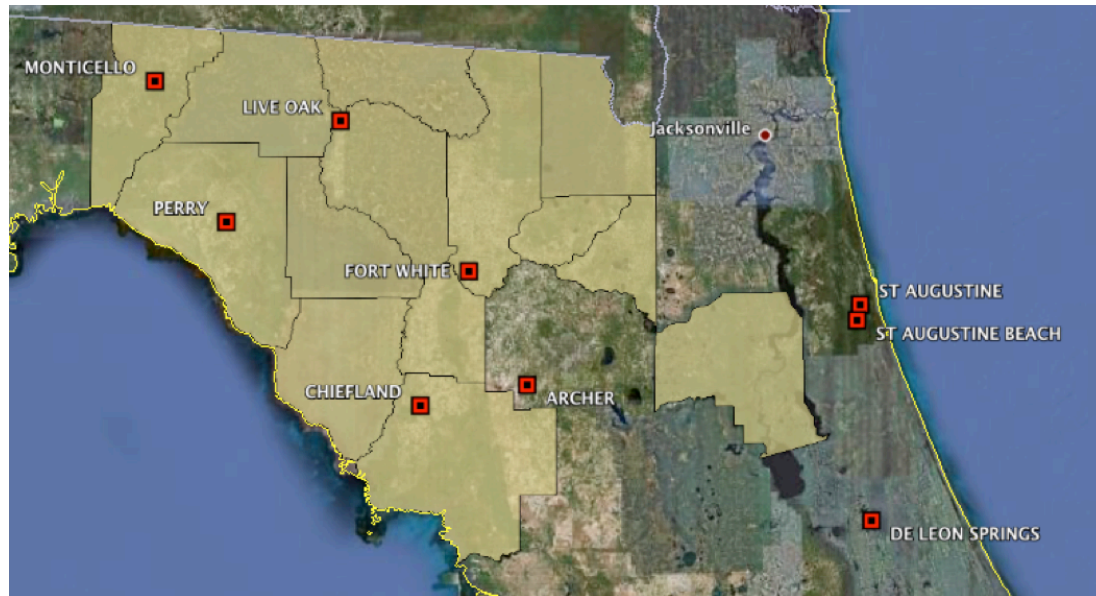


Diagram of the Mid-Stage Fiber Optic Access network Existing Level3

