FORM CD-451 (REV 10-98) IF DAO 203-26  U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE			[X]GRANT []COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT		
AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD			AWARD NUMBER NT10BIX5570138		
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STREET ADDRESS 2811 La Force Blvd			04/20/2011		
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE Midland TX 79711-0580			EXTEND WORK COMPLETION TO N/A		
CFDA NO. AND PROJECT 11.557 Recovery Act - Connec			•		
COSTS ARE REVISED AS FOLLOWS	PREVIOUS ESTIMATED COST	ADD		DEDUCT	TOTAL ESTIMATED COST
FEDERAL SHARE OF COST	\$11,946,728.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$11,946,728.00
RECIPIENT SHARE OF COST	\$5,332,795.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$5,332,795.00
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST	\$17,279,523.00	\$0.00		\$0.00	\$17,279,523.00
This amendment approves Region 18's request to modify its project by eliminating a planned duplicate fiber route to the McDonald Observatory. During the environmental and engineering processes, Region 18 discovered that the second fiber line planned for the McDonald Observatory could not use the existing right-of-way of poles for connection. As a result, construction costs to install/bury the second fiber line were more than what was planned in Region 18 s budget. Since the second fiber line was planned to be used for redundancy purposes only, the University of Texas (owner of the McDonald Observatory) has agreed to a single line connection.					
This Amendment approved by the Grants Officer is issued in triplicate and constitute an obligation of Federal funding. By signing the three documents, the Recipient agrees to comply with the Amendment provisions checked below and attached, as well as previous provisions incorporated into the Award. Upon acceptance by the Recipient, two signed Amendment documents shall be returned to the Grants Officer and the third document shall be retained by the Recipient. If not signed and returned without modification by the Recipient within 30 days of receipt, the Grants Officer may unilaterally terminate this Amendment.  [ ] Special Award Conditions (Attachment B)  [ ] Line Item Budget (Attachment A)  [ ] Other(s)					
	MENT OF COMMERCE GRANT	S OFFICER	TITLE Grants Office	cer	DATE
Alan Conway					04/22/2011
TYPE NAME AND SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL James Collett			TITLE		07/06/2011