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National Telecommunications and Information Administration  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
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Washington, DC 20230

RE: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program  
Request for Information

To Whom It May Concern:

The State of Georgia appreciates the diligence and stewardship NTIA and USDA are displaying in conducting this RFI. We believe that broadband is essential to economic development. The State of Georgia has demonstrated leadership in broadband for many years through diverse activities. The 1995 Georgia Telecommunications Act and development of the Wireless Communities Georgia and OneGeorgia BRIDGE programs are a few examples of our state initiatives along with our marketplace of progressive telecom players.

Through public/private sector programs and collaborative efforts, the state began several years ago to define a state-wide strategy to further improve broadband in the state. The federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will allow Georgia to accelerate its initiatives to close our gaps in broadband access.

For ARRA broadband stimulus, Georgia specifically recommends that:

- States coordinate broadband stimulus investments to ensure transparency and accountability at the local implementation level
- Stimulus investments be in line with state strategic broadband plans
- States play a direct role in evaluating applications for stimulus funds

We have provided specific input on the RFI below. We look forward to working closely with NTIA and RUS to provide maximum benefit to Georgians.

Sincerely,



Patrick Moore

Enclosures:  
RFI Commentary Docket No. 090309298-9299-01  
Georgia Stimulus Guidance  
WCG Application Guidance  
Scoring guidelines reflecting WCG scoring procedures  
OneGeorgia BRIDGE Guidelines  
OneGeorgia BRIDGE Regulations

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*To provide exemplary customer service; To enable business solutions for Georgia's state government; To lead change for Georgia's state government*