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The Honorable Larry Strickling
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
Administrator, NTIA
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave. NW
Washington, D.C. 20230

May 7, 2010

Dear Honorable Strickling;

On behalf of the Allakaket Tribe, I am writing to support the Sustainable Broadband proposal made by MDB Communications, Inc. (Application I.D. No. 6768). This proposal provides education and training in Indian Country to ensure that Native Americans and Alaska Native communities are able to take advantage of the economic and cultural growth, which is available through increased access and utilization of broadband.

In your public comments at the outreach session, held by NTIA and RUS in Dearborn, Michigan on February 5, 2010, you noted that 15 percent of the not served and underserved U.S. population are in communities of American Indians and Alaska Native villages, whereas only two percent of the first round funding under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) that had been announced at that point was focused on Indian Country.

The MDB proposal is designed to address that void. For that reason, we support and endorse the Application as one which is deserving of BTOP funding.

Sincerely,



1st Chief – Stanley Ned