

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Qwest Corporation

Summary: As authorized by the NTIA's BTOP Notice of Funds Availability and the Public Notice associated with the publication of the BTOP broadband Comprehensive Community Infrastructure project funding applications found on the NTIA BTOP web site, Qwest hereby responds with its Service Tier broadband service data to the Census Tracts/Block Groups provided in the NTIA's listing, where those listed are located within the Qwest broadband service areas. Consistent with NTIA Administrator Lawrence E. Strickling's April 12, 2010, letter to the Honorable Bart Stupak, U.S. House of Representatives, concerning NTIA's use of USTelecom's Internet Gateway maps to determine the extent of incumbent providers' existing middle mile broadband offerings, Qwest has not submitted data for the Points of Presence portion of the template. Additionally, Qwest raises the following concern with respect to a specific application: The University Corporation for Advanced Internet Development's application includes the Northern Tier Network Consortium (NTNC) which has operations in North Dakota. NTNC network use in North Dakota is restricted by state statute to research functions of the university system. In its BTOP application, the U.S. UCAN executive summary cites examples of serving rural hospitals, K-12 schools, libraries, museums, science centers, performing arts centers, hospitals and other health clinics. North Dakota state law (NDCC 15-10-45) specifically prohibits NTNC from providing these services to any of those entities and from reselling or giving away service to any non-university entity, unless for the specific purpose of research collaboration.