



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Chief Information Officer

Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Alex Hunt
Chief, Information Policy Branch
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) requests emergency review of an information collection request, "State Broadband Data and Development (SBDD) Grant Program Progress Report," pursuant to the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), Public Law No. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096 (Oct. 10, 2008). We are requesting that OMB complete its review by February 2, 2010.

Section 6001(l) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) authorizes NTIA to spend up to \$350 million to develop and maintain the national broadband inventory map. NTIA established the SBDD Grant Program to provide grants to states or their designees to gather and verify state-specific data on the availability, speed, location, and technology type of broadband services, as well as to fund state-level broadband planning efforts.

NTIA is requesting emergency review and approval of this information collection so that NTIA may begin collecting quarterly progress reports from awardees. NTIA will utilize this information to conduct appropriate oversight of the SBDD Grant Program. The first reports are due to NTIA by mid-February, 2010. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hilding