



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Chief Information Officer

Washington, D.C. 20230

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Mr. Alex Hunt
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Washington, DC 20503

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The Department of Commerce, National Telecommunication and Information Administration (NTIA) requests an emergency review and approval of a revision to the currently approved collection of information titled "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI), Public Computer Center, and Sustainable Broadband Adoption Application Requirements," (OMB Control No. 0660-0031). This revision involves the form titled "Proposed Funded Service Area Process-PNF/PNR." NTIA also proposes to change the name of the form to "Announcement of Proposed Funded Service Areas." The requested approval date is April 9, 2010.

NTIA has designed the Announcement of Proposed Funded Service Areas as a comment form for broadband service providers to provide the agency with information regarding their service offerings in the proposed funded service areas of the proposed CCI projects. The service provider comment form includes clear instructions, to allow service providers to provide only the information relevant to the specific Census tracts or block groups in which they currently provide service. The revision of the service provider comment form is based on the comments received in response to the first Notice of Funds Availability

A prompt OMB review and clearance of this proposed revision will enable NTIA to post the form and open the comment window as soon as possible to collect information from broadband service providers regarding their service offerings in the proposed funded service areas. The comments will be a critical part of the assessment of Comprehensive Community Infrastructure applications under the second round of funding, and comply with the Recovery Act's deadline of September 30, 2010, for the award of BTOP funds.

We appreciate your favorable review and approval of this request.

Sincerely,

Suzanne Hilding