

To: Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

From: County of Clackamas

Subject: Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) No-Cost Extension Request
Award Name: Clackamas County Innovation Initiative (CBII)
Award ID: NX10BIX5570079/EGID 5884
Award Period: from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013

Date: June 19, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

County of Clackamas requests a period of performance extension until September 30, 2013 to continue the successful implementation of our Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) award. This request includes this project's extension rationale and provides supporting documentation as attachments to the Award Action Request (AAR).

- 1) **Reason(s) for Extension Request:** County of Clackamas has experienced circumstances that have caused the need for an extension beyond the original project end date. The narrative below provides an explanation of how the project-specific circumstances resulted in the need for a period of performance extension; our proposed plan for addressing any outstanding issues; and the project benefits that will be delivered during the extension period.

1. Our original path through the Mt Hood National Forest was going to go on 4 miles of power poles that are off-road through the forest. In early 2011, the USFS and power company told us the existing poles were going to be replaced with new ones on the shoulder of Highway 26. So we changed our route to reflect this, and have been waiting for the new poles to be constructed. Last week, the USFS told us the power company's plans face added NEPA studies and are at least 12-18 months away from construction. So we are now working with USFS to amend our permit to revert to the original route. After they approve the amendment, we will need the additional time to field, design, permit, engineer, and construct the fiber, and accommodate any limitations the USFS may have on construction windows. Crew availability is also an issue because the contractor cannot idle crews waiting for us, and they may need a few weeks to finish up other jobs before they can construct this.
2. Our project was held up for 2 years in Oregon City. Now that we have a franchise agreement that allows us to place fiber in the city rights-of-way, we are finishing our route and CAI list, and will also need time to field, cad, deign, permit , engineer and construct laterals and building entries into the last few CAIs.

The benefits of the extension are that it will allow us to meet our goals for: connectivity to remote areas; fiber route miles built; and CAIs connected. Specifically, during the extension period we expect to build 8 route miles and connect the remaining 15 CAIs There is no change to the overall project budget.

2) **Supporting Documentation:** County of Clackamas submits the following documentation to assist NTIA with the review of this extension request. The attached materials have been updated according to revised project plans for an extended award period and reflect the narrative provided above.

- **Revised SF-424C Budget and associated narrative** (documentation of how remaining Federal and match funds in each SF-424C category will be used)
- **Project Plan** (updated timeline/milestones needed to achieve benefits within the extension period)
- **Revised Performance Projections** (table below)

| Revised Performance Projections | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Performance Indicator | Revised Project Goals |
| New Network Miles Deployed | 180 Route Miles |
| New Network Miles Leased | None |
| Existing Network Miles Upgraded | None |
| Existing Network Miles Leased | None |
| CAIs Receiving New Access | 121 |
| CAIs Receiving Improved Access | 44 |

- **For recipients requesting an extension beyond September 30, 2013, a breakdown of planned expended award funding** (table below)

| Funding Period | Planned Federal Amount | Planned Match Amount |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Actual Funding Spent to Date and Planned <u>Expended</u> Funding to Sept. 30, 2013 | | |
| Planned Funding Needed Beyond Sept. 30, 2013 | | |

County of Clackamas understands that it must continue to comply with all statutory and programmatic requirements and that this is a no-cost period of performance extension request only (i.e., no additional BTOP funding will be provided under this extension request).

Sincerely,

David Cummings, CIO and AOR
County of Clackamas