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NOTICE ON INTENTION TO APPLY FOR GRANT

As required by the application process for the 2020 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant, Stafford County officially announces its intention to partner with KGI Communications to apply for a grant to provide fixed wireless internet to unserved areas in Marlborough Point and Widewater. The Virginia Department of Community Development implements VATI and will be awarding $19 million this year to eligible applicants. Proposals are to be submitted by September 3, 2019.

Stafford County sent out a Request for Expression of Interest earlier this year and KGI was the only respondent. Their proposal was for these two areas and for building a new tower in the Aquia area that would work with an existing tower KGI operates in King George County. The grant requires a "shovel-ready" process that can be completed within a year if the grant is received. The areas targeted by KGI have been identified as unserved during previous franchise negotiations with existing providers.

For more information on the process, contact Michael Cannon, Stafford County Chief Technology Officer,(540) 658-8687.