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Dr. Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D.
Director, Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Ste. 300
Richmond, VA 23219

Re: VATI Application Notice with BriscNet

Dear Dr. Holmes:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development that Botetourt County and BriscNet may submit an application for the FY2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) to deploy fixed wireless broadband coverage in Botetourt County. In addition, we are coordinating VATI proposals regionally among the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority, Roanoke County, Franklin County, Craig County, and several private providers.

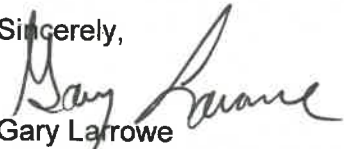
Botetourt County and BriscNet intend to submit an application to achieve universal coverage of broadband services to the remainder of the unserved residences and businesses in Botetourt County, specifically through BriscNet's deployment of a fixed wireless network(s) principally in the Blue Ridge community of Botetourt County. Also, we may include in a VATI proposal with BriscNet the potentiality of deploying fixed wireless broadband coverage in conjunction with Botetourt County's emergency services assets at locations throughout the County.

Mr. Ken McFadyen, Director of Economic Development, will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process and can be reached at: 57 South Center Drive, Daleville, VA 24083; 540-580-1232 (cell); kmcfadyen@botetourtva.gov (e-mail).

The County of Botetourt and BriscNet understand that this VATI Application Notice is required in order to submit an application for the 2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this notice is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


Gary Larowe
Botetourt County Administrator

cc: Mr. Anthony Smith, BriscNet
Mr. Frank Smith, Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority
Mr. Ken McFadyen, Director of Economic Development