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July 12, 2021

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

Dear Dr. Holmes:

Smyth County, potentially in a partnership with Mount Rogers PDC and Point Broadband, is notifying the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) of its intent to submit an application to the FY2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) program.

The project will address the under and unserved areas of northern Smyth County, specifically targeting the areas along Route 91 from Washington County and Route 42 to Bland County. In its current design phase, it could serve at least 1000 passings and the current design of the project is estimated to cost approximately \$3,200,000 and the estimated grant request at this time is approximately \$2,000,000.

Kendra Hayden will be our main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:

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Smyth County Board of Supervisors and its partners understand that this Letter of Intent is required in order to submit an application for the 2022 the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative and that this Letter of Intent to Submit is not binding on the entity represented by the undersigned, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development.

Should you have any questions or need any further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to our office.

Respectfully,

Shawn M. Utt
County Administrator
Smyth County, Virginia