



July 9, 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:

I am providing this VATI Application Notice to notify the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development of Southampton County and Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc. intent to apply for the FY2022 Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) grant program to provide universal coverage for unserved areas in Southampton County.

Ashley Covington, Interim President and CEO and Marketing and Existing Business Manager, will be the main point of contact for the purposes of the application process, and can be reached at:

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Southampton County and Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc. understand that this VATI Application Notice is required 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.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Franklin Southampton Economic Development, Inc.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ashley Covington', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ashley Covington
Interim President and CEO and Marketing and Existing Business Manager

cc: Michael Johnson, Southampton County Administrator