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Dear Reviewer:

Many thanks for your help in successfully launching the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP). NTIA and the BTOP team greatly appreciate your generous service as a BTOP application expert reviewer. Your volunteerism and spirit of service moved the program closer to achieving the goals set out by President Obama and Vice President Biden for this important Recovery Act program.

Much like the railroads, canals, and highways that set the course for decades of American innovation and prosperity, broadband Internet has the potential to connect people and ideas in ways little imagined only a few years ago. The awards NTIA made in December 2009 and those it will continue to make through September of this year will begin to narrow the gaps in broadband deployment and adoption across the country. They also promise to spur job creation, stimulate economic growth and opportunity, and help lay the foundation of the 21st Century economy. These broadband awards are what the Recovery Act is all about.

Again, I want to thank you for lending your expertise to this program and give you the enclosed certificate commemorating your service. Volunteers like you should be proud of your contribution in helping people and communities across the country benefit from this program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lawrence E. Strickling".

Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for

Communications and Information