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State of Georgia ARRA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program Recommendations to the U.S. Department of Commerce - NTIA

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LETTER FROM GOVERNOR PERDUE



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Secretary Gary Locke
U. S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

Dear Secretary Locke:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments and recommendations for projects in Georgia seeking grants through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. The projects listed in the enclosed document were evaluated through a comprehensive grading process involving officials from numerous state of Georgia government entities, including the Department of Community Affairs, the Department of Economic Development, the Department of Education, the Georgia Technology Authority, the One Georgia Authority, and the Board of Regents. We also received input from private-sector broadband stakeholders.

Each of these projects was judged according to their capability to promote job creation and economic development. In addition, we looked carefully at whether they are ready for implementation and offer a sustainable approach to ensuring access to broadband services, especially in counties of persistent poverty and other unserved and underserved areas of Georgia. It is my belief that these projects are aligned with the state of Georgia broadband strategy that I described to you in my letter of July 31, 2009.

We have a highly successful record in Georgia with the types of projects that the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program seeks to promote. I look forward to your favorable consideration of the projects from Georgia and encourage you to contact me with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Sonny Perdue
Sonny Perdue

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*Gary,
Mary and I
hope that you
and your family
are doing well.
It's been a long time
look forward to
visiting soon. S.*



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STATE OF GEORGIA BROADBAND STRATEGY OVERVIEW

Georgia has long recognized the importance of broadband technology in promoting economic development, education, public safety, and access to government information and services. Our work in the Georgia Telecommunications Act of 1995 as well as on-going leadership of Governor Perdue's Office, Georgia Technology Authority, and One Georgia Authority, an agency focused on rural economic development, have been central to the progress made in the state. We believe the funding now available through the ARRA Broadband Technology Opportunity Program for infrastructure and non-infrastructure is critical to continuing this work.

In preparing for this application, we wish to present some context for Georgia:

- Georgia is the largest state east of the Mississippi River
- Georgia has 159 Counties. This number is second only to Texas.
- Georgia has more counties in persistent poverty region than any other state.
- Georgia has a long standing commitment to broadband through several innovative programs that allow our state to compete favorably for grant funds

Since 2006, the state of Georgia has provided \$11 million in funding to promote the development of broadband services in urban and rural areas through the Wireless Communities Georgia Program¹ and the BRIDGE Program². In addition, Georgia has closed the gap in E-911 public safety services through a concerted effort to work regionally rather than locally.

Georgia's strategy for broadband encompasses four particular areas of needed investment by the public and private sectors:

1. Backhaul infrastructure in our 91 counties of persistent poverty
2. Access and backhaul infrastructure statewide in unserved and underserved areas
3. Enable digital literacy, adoption, and utilization statewide
4. Telecommunications data collection, analysis, and mapping statewide

Following the approval of stimulus funding, we immediately began building upon our proactive strategy for bringing broadband services to Georgians. We launched the Georgia Stimulus Accountability For Broadband Web site (<http://georgiabroadband.net>) as our primary means of sharing information with local communities and service providers who are interested in receiving stimulus funding for broadband initiatives.

¹ 2006 – Governor's Wireless Initiative, www.gta.ga.gov/wcg

² 2006 – OneGeorgia Rural Technology Initiative, www.onegeorgia.gov/programs/bridge

Our broadband programs often focus on partnerships between local governments and private-sector providers to establish sustainable and affordable broadband services for residents, schools, police, healthcare delivery organizations, and others.



EVALUATION PROCESS AND CRITERIA

PROCESS

Georgia Technology Authority (GTA), as the lead agency for broadband in the state, organized an evaluation and recommendation process. GTA met with Ian Martinez at NTIA prior to and during this process to help guide our work. GTA's process consisted of the following:

1. Sourcing and collection of BTOP (Broadband Technologies Opportunity Program) and BIP (Broadband Improvement Program) / BTOP applications. NTIA provided only a web based report of applications relevant to the state. Georgia parsed this information to develop a database of applications with service areas including the state of Georgia. Through multiple email communications, Georgia collected applications from over 100 entities throughout the nation that have proposed services or infrastructure in Georgia.
2. Categorization of applications by:
 - a. Infrastructure
 - i. Last Mile (both Remote and Non-Remote)
 - ii. Middle Mile
 - b. Public Computing Center
 - c. Sustainable Broadband Adoption
3. Initial screening of multi-state applications by the evaluation team using the project summary made available online by NTIA. The online project summary includes the applicant name, project name, program, funding sought, and project summary. Multi-state applications are defined as applications that intend to provide service for more than a single state. In Georgia's case, approximately half of the applications listing Georgia as a service area are multi-state.

Evaluators analyzed these multi-state projects using the following criteria and their own specific expertise of Georgia:

- Good value proposition for Georgia
- Significant economic development potential for Georgia
- Significant job creation potential for Georgia

Evaluators represented the following entities:

- OneGeorgia Authority
- Georgia Technology Authority
- Board of Regents
- Department of Community Health
- Board of Regents

- Department of Economic Development
- Carl Vinson Institute of Government
- OneGeorgia Authority
- CIFAL Atlanta
- Department of Community Affairs

In addition, the state received input from various private sector stakeholders.

Evaluators discussed these projects and came to consensus recommendations on whether these projects should be considered further. Out of 75 multi-state projects, 15 were included in the list of projects for detailed evaluation.

4. Evaluation of all remaining projects listing Georgia as a service area. This list includes both the projects retained in Step 3 along with the projects listing Georgia exclusively as the service area. This list contained 101 projects in total. The Evaluation Committee reviewed all remaining projects using the following process:
 - a. Individual review of the application
 - b. Group discussion and consensus scoring of applications within each category
5. Review of the high scoring projects in each category and recommendation of the top projects to the Governor Perdue's Office. These recommendations took into account the scores as well as the total requested funds for Georgia.
6. Certification of project recommendations by Governor Sonny Perdue.

CRITERIA AND SCORING

Georgia created a set of evaluation criteria with the state leadership before beginning its evaluation activities. These criteria were constructed within the context of the *Georgia Broadband Stimulus Guidance* supplied by GTA to applicants prior to the NTIA NOFA. The final criteria were then reviewed and explained to the Evaluation Team at the beginning of the evaluation activities.

The criteria are:

Evaluated Section	Risk	Merit	Max Points	Score
Governor's Priorities <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Infrastructure build out in 91 Counties of persistent Poverty</i> 2. <i>Infrastructure build out statewide that improves speed,</i> 			20	



<i>capacity, and reach</i> 3. High Impact and long term Sustainable Adoption 4. Utilization & Public Computer Centers 5. State-wide Mapping				
Financial Sustainability			20	
Economic Development			10	
Readiness and Governance			15	
Technology Assessment			15	
Collaboration and Partnership			5	
Written Evaluation Total			85	

SCORING GUIDELINES

GTA instructed evaluators to use the following guidelines in making evaluations on both a risk and merit basis. For each score, evaluators were asked to note specific deficiencies, strengths, weaknesses or uncertainties that factored into their ratings.

	Risk Rating Definitions
Low	Any proposal weaknesses that have little potential to cause disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance. Normal BTOP Recipient effort and normal monitoring will likely mitigate these risks.
Moderate	Approach has weaknesses that can potentially cause some disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance. However, special BTOP Recipient emphasis and close monitoring will probably minimize difficulties.



High	Approach has weaknesses that have the potential to cause serious disruption of schedule, increase in cost, or degradation of performance even with special BTOP Recipient emphasis and close monitoring.
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	Merit Rating Definitions
Excellent	Proposal demonstrates excellent understanding of requirements and approach that significantly exceeds performance or capability standards. Have exceptional strengths that will significantly benefit the initiative.
Satisfactory	Proposal demonstrates acceptable understanding of requirements and approach that meets performance or capability standards. Acceptable solution. Few or no strengths.
Unsatisfactory	Fails to meet performance or capability standards and/or overall quality cannot be determined because of errors, omissions or deficiencies. These conditions cannot be corrected without a major rewrite or revision of the proposal and requirements still may not be met without major changes to technical capability offered.

Definitions of Key Evaluation Terms where Comments were made

Deficiency – A material failure of a proposal to meet a requirement or a combination of significant weaknesses in a proposal/product that increase the risk of unsuccessful contract performance to an unacceptable level. Examples of deficiencies include a statement by the Respondent that it cannot or will not meet a requirement, an approach that clearly does not meet a requirement or omission of data required to assess compliance with the requirement.

Strength – An aspect of a proposal that appreciably decreases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance or that represents a significant benefit to the project.

Weakness – A flaw in the proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance. A “significant weakness” in the proposal/product is a flaw that appreciably increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance.

Uncertainty – Any aspect of the proposal for which the intent of the Respondent is unclear because there may be more than one way to interpret the offer or because inconsistencies in the offer indicate that there may be an error, omission and/or mistake. Examples include a mistake in calculation or measurement and contradictory statements.

SCORING SHEET

The following scoring sheet was used to evaluate infrastructure projects. A similar sheet was used for non-infrastructure projects.

Description	RISK	MERIT	Key Comments			
			Deficiency	Strength	Weakness	Uncertainty
Written Evaluation						
1. Governor's Priorities						
Infrastructure builds out in 91 Counties of persistent Poverty						
Infrastructure build out statewide that improves speed, capacity, and reach						
High Impact and long term Sustainable Adoption						
Utilization & Public Computer Centers						
State-wide Mapping						
2. Financial Sustainability						
Does the project demonstrate that it has secured the required 20% matching funds?						
Does the project demonstrate an ability to achieve long-term financial sustainability						
3. Collaboration and Partnership						
Does the project demonstrate partnerships and collaborative efforts leveraging state, federal, local, regional assets, programs, and activities?						
4. Economic Development and Job Creation						
Does the project demonstrate how it						



Description	RISK	MERIT	Key Comments			
			Deficiency	Strength	Weakness	Uncertainty
Written Evaluation						
supports state economic development initiatives?						
Does the project demonstrate how it will create sustainable jobs?						

5. Project Readiness, Governance, and Reporting						
Has the project appropriately planned for licenses, regulatory approvals, and agreements as well as construction and vendor contracts?						
Does the project demonstrate an ability to begin startup activities before the end of 2009?						
Does the project demonstrate that it has a solid governance structure to manage the project?						
Does the applying organization demonstrate sufficient capability to complete the project on time and operate it successfully?						
Does the project demonstrate an ability to collect, track and report relevant information based on state and federal guidelines?						

6. Technology Assessment						
Does the project, if applicable, demonstrate it has developed a spectrum policy that will ensure timely deployment of the project?						
Does the project demonstrate a clear understanding of its target coverage area?						



Description	RISK	MERIT	Key Comments			
			Deficiency	Strength	Weakness	Uncertainty
<i>Written Evaluation</i>						
Does the system design appear robust and well designed?						



STATE OF GEORGIA RECOMMENDATIONS



GEORGIA PROJECT FINANCIAL SUMMARY

After completing an extensive process, Georgia has compiled a list of twenty-two applications recommended with the following summary by category:

Category	Projects Recommended	Grant Requests	Loan Requests	Total
Sustainable Broadband Adoption	5	\$ 14,650,214		\$ 14,650,214
Public Computer Center	5	\$ 7,275,209		\$ 7,275,209
Middle Mile	4	\$ 61,679,298		\$ 61,679,298
Last Mile	8	\$ 29,086,668	\$ 16,575,590	\$ 45,662,258
Total	22	\$ 112,691,389	\$ 16,575,590	\$ 129,266,979

Awards to these twenty-two projects detailed in these categories will best serve Georgia's needs as determined by the Evaluation Team and reviewed by Governor Perdue. The projects recommended, listed by Easygrants ID and Applicant and in no particular order, are as follows:

- 423 Georgia Partnership for Telehealth, Inc.
- 231 Professional Resources Management of Rabun, LLC dba Mountain Lakes Medical Center
- 838 Georgia Tech Applied Research Corporation
- 3085 Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center, Inc.
- 2786 Public Safety, Georgia Department of
- 677 DeKalb County School System
- 189 Fulton County Georgia
- 1299 Athens Regional Library System
- 1475 South Georgia Regional Library
- 652 Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.
- 506 North Georgia Network Cooperative Inc
- 1976 Level 3 EON, LLC
- 224 City of Savannah
- 87 Columbia County Georgia IT



2914 South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority
1745 Public Service Wireless, Inc.
2111 Plantation Cablevision, Inc.
155 Main Street Broadband LLC
79 City of Elberton, Ga.
552 Utopian Wireless Corporation
1671 Flint Cable TV, Inc.
3523 Effingham County Board of Education



SUSTAINABLE BROADBAND ADOPTION - RECOMMENDATIONS

Easy Grant ID	Organization	Description	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant
423	Georgia Partnership for Telehealth, Inc.	The Georgia Partnership for Telehealth (GPT) and 34 partnering healthcare facilities propose a telehealth network that will extend access to healthcare to underserved rural areas of GA. This includes access to healthcare providers to mental health, primary care, trauma, children's services, specialty services, distance learning and education via broadband.	\$1,447,139	\$1,447,139
231	Professional Resources Management of Rabun, LLC dba Mountain Lakes Medical Center	Mountain Lakes Medical Center and partners propose Broadband Bound, a project designed to support broadband adoption among key anchor institutions, businesses and public safety agencies in Rabun County, GA through the use of video technology. Specifically, Broadband Bound will provide education and training to address critical needs related to health, economic development and public safety.	\$385,025	\$385,025
838	Georgia Tech Applied Research Corporation	Direct to Discovery brings real scientists and their research into K-12 classrooms. It provides interactive and engaging learning opportunities via broadband networking and HD videoconferencing. The project goes beyond merely demonstrating and evangelizing broadband applications. It implements a broadband application and provides immediate and lasting benefit for the community.	\$1,520,062	\$1,520,062
3085	Robert W. Woodruff Arts Center, Inc.	The Project will provide interactive arts education through broadband to preK-12 students and teachers throughout Georgia. This will enable students to use broadband to see, hear, create, and learn visual, musical and performing arts with professionals from the premier arts center in Georgia. This will improve academic performance, create jobs and promote sustainable broadband adoption.	\$8,367,871	\$1,500,000*
2786	Public Safety, Georgia Department of	The Georgia Department of Public Safety proposes the installation of point to point links at 72 of the 191 Georgia Interoperability Network (GIN) sites. The installation of these links will greatly increase bandwidth and reliability. In addition, DPS will install 18 fiber links between GIN sites. The result will be reduced annual operating costs and much higher reliability for the end user.	\$9,797,988	\$9,797,988
Total Recommended				\$14,650,214

*Recommended reduced amount.

PUBLIC COMPUTER CENTER - RECOMMENDATIONS

Easy Grant ID	Organization	Description	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant
677	DeKalb County School System	DeKalb County Schools proposes six public computer centers in densely populated, underserved communities that have low educational attainment, lack of access to the internet, high unemployment, and the nation's largest refugee population. The centers will create and save jobs, provide broadband education, training, equipment, and support and improve education, healthcare, safety, and employment.	\$4,700,048	\$4,700,048
189	Fulton County Georgia	Fulton County is requesting \$843,200 to expand public computer centers in both the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System and the DeKalb County Public Library to meet the growing demand for access to public computers for job searches and other electronic resources. The two counties have joined to provide 1,203 public computers in 48 libraries.	\$843,200	\$843,200
1299	Athens Regional Library System	Project addresses economic needs - job readiness, computer skills, and literacy - of communities served by the Athens Regional Library, and advances library strategic plans. Six public access computer labs in low-income, underserved areas in NE Georgia will be used for training. Residents may access programs through library web page and archived teleconference training; outcomes are replicable.	\$478,852	\$478,852
1475	South Georgia Regional Library	Research shows that self-directed and self-paced learning are the most effective, efficient, and lowest cost methods of educating a population. The project goal is to redesign existing patron computer centers to facilitate self-directed learning for underserved patrons with an emphasis on education, career skills, technology training and broadband awareness.	\$487,606	\$487,606
652	Goodwill Industries of the Coastal Empire, Inc.	Goodwill's Public Cyber Access Program is a three pronged approach offering increased, affordable public access to computers and related technology through: 1.) A Cyber Cafe, 2.) Fourteen (14) Cyber Access Centers and 3.) Two (2) retail stores offering high quality refurbished computer equipment and broadband subscriptions at reasonable costs.	\$765,503	\$765,503
Total Recommended				\$7,275,209



INFRASTRUCTURE - MIDDLE MILE RECOMMENDATIONS

EasyGrant ID	Organization	Description	Program	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant
506	North Georgia Network Cooperative Inc	North Georgia Network is a non-profit, collaboratively-rooted project that will enable a new technology-based economy in North Georgia. A 260-mile regional fiber optic ring will deliver to the region Gigabit speed, reliability, affordability and abundant interconnection points. The network will improve broadband service access for the underserved and stimulate economic growth and job creation.	BTOP	\$33,490,537	\$33,490,537
1976	Level 3 EON, LLC	Level 3 EON proposes a middle-mile project to leverage its national fiber optic network by opening new access points offering underserved areas a new on-ramp to high-speed services. By investing in additional fiber optic transmission equipment and supporting network elements last mile providers and their subscribers will gain access to the national Internet backbone at lower costs.	BIP/BTOP	\$1,738,340	\$1,738,340
224	City of Savannah	To install city-wide fiber ring to provide connectivity to key underserved areas. Approximately 22 percent of residents live below the poverty line in the Savannah Gardens area on the City's east side. In five west side neighborhoods, 54 percent of residents under the age of 18 live below the poverty line. Project will also enhance City services in several areas, including public safety and utility monitoring.	BTOP	\$12,967,417	\$12,967,417



EasyGrant ID	Organization	Description	Program	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant
87	Columbia County Georgia IT	The CCCBN will provide state-of-the-art communication services while enhancing broadband communication options to the current and future citizens of Columbia County. The Network will provide infrastructure for affordable bandwidth and services, and will integrate public safety, public health, education and other government use, to provide an essential next step in government services.	BTOP	\$13,483,004	\$13,483,004
Total Recommended					\$61,679,298



INFRASTRUCTURE - LAST MILE RECOMMENDATIONS

EasyGrant ID	Organization	Description	Program	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant	Requested and Recommended Loan
2914	South Georgia Regional Information Technology Authority	SGRITA was created by Georgia Legislators to bring sustainable broadband internet service across the 1,947 Square miles of five S/W Georgia Counties, all Counties of Persistent Poverty where 26.68 percent (double the US 13 percent) live in poverty. The proposed project will allow the completion of Last Mile mobile & fixed wireless broadband network by matching funds with previous State grant and local funds.	BIP/BTOP	\$3,978,901	\$3,978,901	\$3,978,901
1745	Public Service Wireless, Inc.	Infrastructure build-out and broadband deployment for the purpose of serving rural areas in middle and southwest Georgia.	BIP/BTOP	\$7,276,211	\$7,276,211	\$7,573,201
2111	Plantation Cablevision, Inc.	This relatively modest project (\$274,318 grant requested) will enable Plantation Cablevision to deliver high speed broadband service to two small, rural and currently underserved (and partially unserved) communities in Georgia. Plantation will replace an antiquated microwave site with a hybrid fiber-coaxial system that will support Internet access, advanced digital video and VoIP service.	BIP/BTOP	\$274,318	\$274,318	



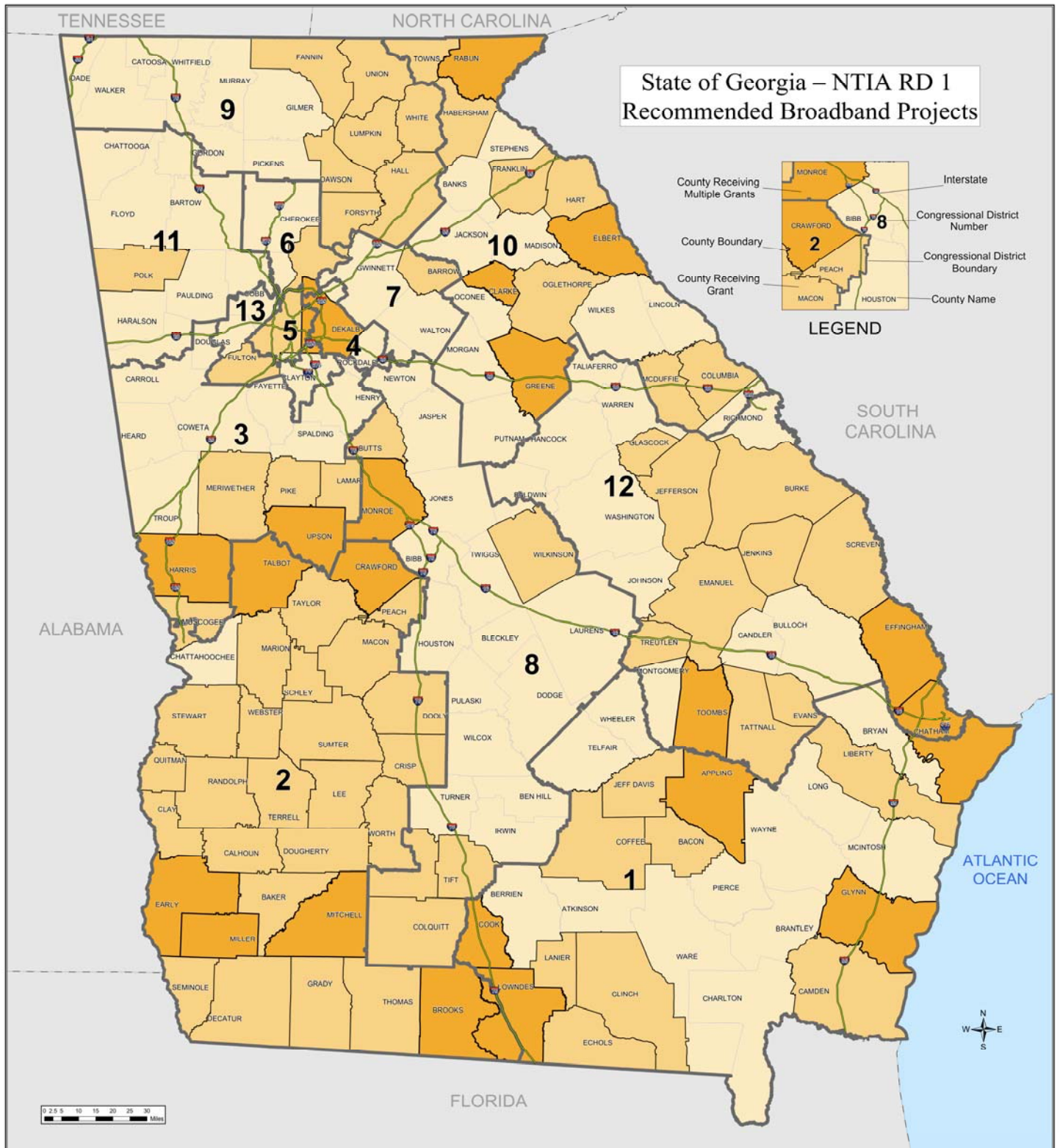
EasyGrant ID	Organization	Description	Program	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant	Requested and Recommended Loan
155	Main Street Broadband LLC	The Main Street Broadband Southwest Georgia WiMax Project is a broadband wireless network in 12 rural, persistent poverty counties. The network is designed and will be operated to provide affordable broadband connectivity to the rural un and underserved residents and businesses of Southwest Georgia. The project has significant public and private support, is shovel ready and is sustainable.	BIP/BTOP	\$12,460,000	\$12,460,000	
79	City of Elberton, Ga.	The City of Elberton, Ga., proposes to construct fiber optic connectivity to the City of Bowman, Ga., approximately 11 miles to the northeast. Bowman would then be connected to the network operated by Elberton that serves most community anchor institutions in Elbert Co., Ga., including the public schools, library, county government complex, Sheriff's office, and the E-911 center.	BIP/BTOP	\$117,000	\$117,000	\$245,250
552	Utopian Wireless Corporation	This project will bring WiMAX infrastructure to rural communities in and around Lake Park, GA. Utopian will provide 4G portable/mobile broadband access over licensed 2.5 GHz spectrum to underserved households and businesses and provide	BIP/BTOP	\$682,325	\$682,325	\$682,325



EasyGrant ID	Organization	Description	Program	Requested Grant	Recommended Grant	Requested and Recommended Loan
		discounted services to community anchor institutions. The project prioritizes job creation and economic development through improved access to broadband.				
1671	Flint Cable TV, Inc.	Flint Digital Wave expands network coverage to all homes in underserved areas of Culloden, Yatesville & Friendship Community in rural middle Georgia, and adding broadband to its cable service for existing customers in portions of the serving area. Flint Digital Wave includes an upgrade to a new industry standard allowing for very high upstream & downstream bandwidth to area homes for the first time.	BIP/BTOP	\$4,095,913	\$4,095,913	\$4,095,913
3523	Effingham County Board of Education	This project will connect a new facility known as the Career Academy to the district's Wide Area Network. Through this connection, the district will be able to provide resources to the facility from an already established data center. Additionally, multiple options will become available to provide Internet Access to the facility from multiple vendors where only one is available at this time.	BTOP	\$202,000	\$202,000	
Total Recommended					\$29,086,668	\$16,575,590



GEORGIA AREA MAP OF RECOMMENDED PROJECTS



SUPPORTING INFORMATION



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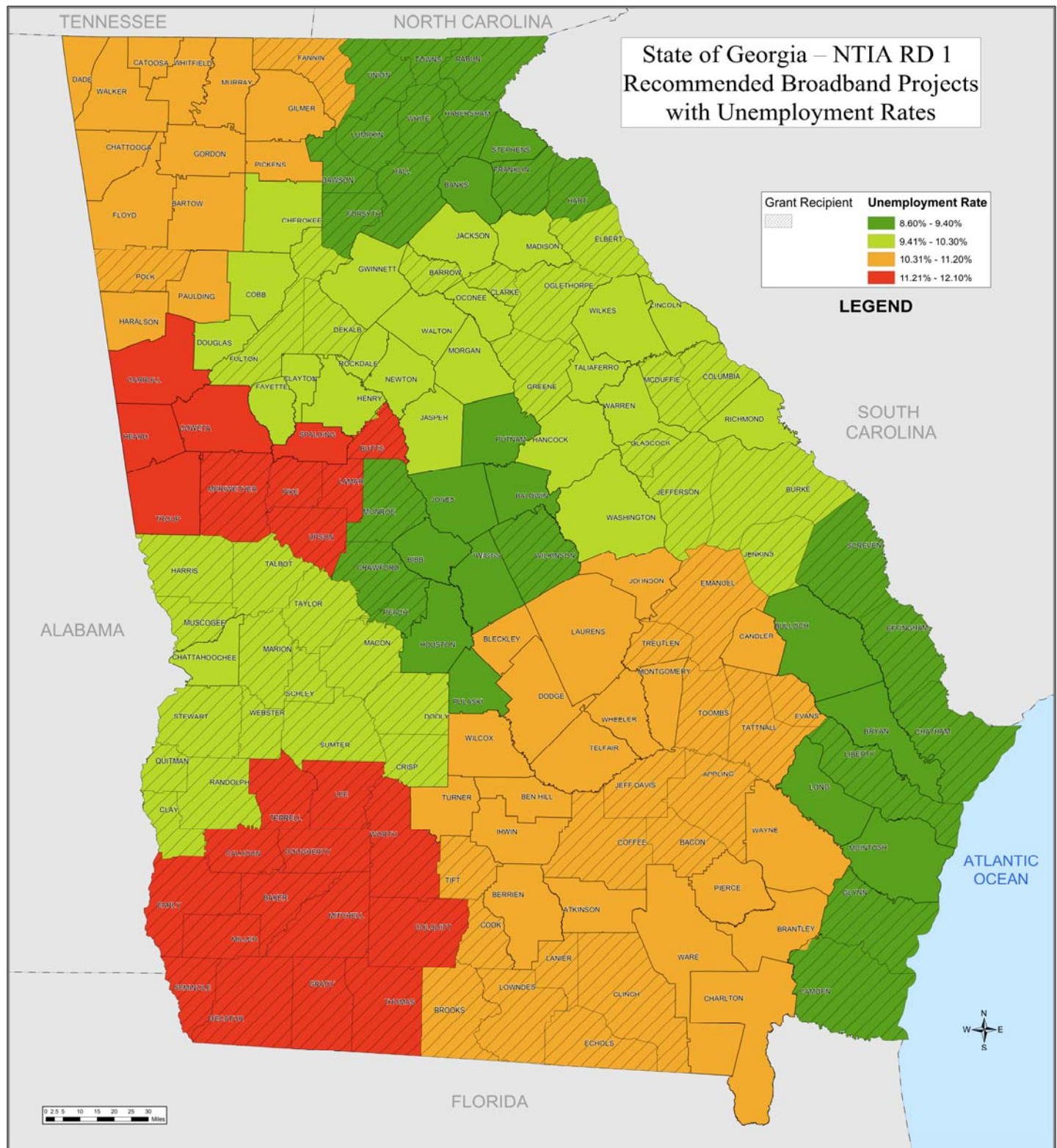
The screenshot shows the website <http://www.georgiabroadband.net/> viewed in Internet Explorer. The page features the State of Georgia seal and the title "STATE OF GEORGIA STIMULUS ACCOUNTABILITY FOR BROADBAND". A navigation bar includes links for HOME, ABOUT US, BROADBAND RESOURCES, BLOG, and CONTACT US. The main content area is divided into three columns:

- LEADERSHIP:** Features a quote from Governor Perdue: "We are going to do our due diligence as a state. For every federal dollar that we think will benefit Georgians long term and short term, we are going to go after it. For those that cost more than it's worth, we will probably not." It also mentions Governor Perdue's speech on 2/25/09 and provides a link to his website.
- NEWS:** Announces a "Searchable Database for Round 1 Submitted NTIA BTOP Projects Nationwide Available on federal website" with a link to <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/applications/search.cfm>. It also provides a link to view Georgia projects at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants/applications/results.cfm?org=&keywords=&proctype=&program=&state=GA>.
- Non-ARRA Grants:** Includes a link to Grants.gov for a complete and up-to-date listing of what's new this week.

A sidebar on the right contains a "LINKS" section with logos for OneGeorgia Authority, RECOVERY.GOV, and FBO.GOV. The bottom of the page shows the Windows taskbar with the Start button and several open applications.

We also encouraged public and private sector stakeholders to register their proposals on the Web site so Georgia would be ready to respond to the request for applications from the departments of Agriculture and Commerce in a coordinated manner. To date, over 100 proposals have been registered. A team of carefully selected experts across education, healthcare, rural development, public safety, and community affairs has evaluated each proposal to determine which ones are ready to proceed and are likely to provide a sustainable approach to service delivery.

DEMOGRAPHIC MAP – STATE UNEMPLOYMENT



GEORGIA BROADBAND RESOURCES

Organization	Description	Contact	Website
Georgia Center for Advanced Telecommunications Technology (GCATT)	GCATT is an initiative to create real and virtual research centers of excellence in advanced telecommunications - the latest	Dr. Nikil Jayant - Director rex.smith@ece.gatech.edu 404-894-9212	http://www.gcatt.org/
Center for Telehealth Medical College of Georgia	To develop, investigate and implement telecommunication and information technologies that will Enhance access to health care in underserved rural and urban areas	Max E. Stachura, M.D. - Director maxs@mcg.edu 706-721-6616	http://www.mcg.edu/telehealth/
OneGeorgia Authority – BRIDGE	The Broadband Rural Initiative to Develop Georgia's Economy (BRIDGE) Fund provides financial assistance including grants and loans to support deployment of high-speed broadband in rural areas of Georgia. At the Governor's request, the General Assembly has appropriated \$5M for BRIDGE broadband projects.	Nancy Cobb – Director nancy.cobb@onegeorgia.org 478 274-7734	http://www.onegeorgia.org/programs/bridge
Georgia Technology Authority (GTA) – Wireless Communities Georgia	The Georgia Technology Authority seeks to ensure that the state's IT infrastructure is stable, secure and well-governed, and provides Georgians with the services they need and expect. The Wireless Communities Georgia program provides funding to local governments to build wireless networks in their communities. Wireless connectivity allows users to access the internet through personal computers, PDA's and other wireless	Rich Calhoun - Director richard.calhoun@gta.ga.gov 404-463-5906	www.gta.georgia.gov/wcg



	devices. At the Governor's request, the General Assembly has appropriated \$6M for Wireless Communities Georgia grants.		
Georgia Technology Authority - State of Georgia Broadband Stimulus Office	The Georgia Broadband Stimulus Office is the unified state effort dedicated to furthering the state's broadband infrastructure and utilization. Its partners include Outreach, Public Safety, Education, Healthcare, Economic Development, Rural Development, Office of Planning and Budget, Georgia Telephone Association, Georgia Cable Association, ILECs, and numerous cellular commercial carriers. The Initiative's activities include broadband mapping, community education, technical assistance, governance and business model assistance, and project oversight. The Georgia Broadband Initiative has catalogued, analyzed and reviewed over 100 public and private sector proposed ARRA broadband projects for Georgia as part of its work at the website www.georgiabroadband.net .	Rich Calhoun –Director richard.calhoun@gta.ga.gov 4044635906	www.georgiabroadband.net



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