

County of Santa Clara



City of San José



September 8, 2010

Honorable Gary Locke  
Secretary of Commerce  
U.S. Department of Commerce  
14th and Constitution Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20230

**Subject: Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant award  
to San Francisco Bay Area**

Dear Secretary Locke:

We are writing to request that you suspend, or postpone, the recent National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant award to the San Francisco Bay Area until concerns regarding the procurement and vendor selection process have been addressed and well understood. The process utilized to select the vendor for this project does not reflect our standard for accepted procurement practices.

Additionally, as one of the three Bay Area cities to petition the original FCC 700 MHz waiver, the City of San Jose joins with many other regional partners which have significant questions regarding the grant application process and the proposed implementation that need to be answered to ensure a successful project. Representing over two million residents, the participation of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara is essential to the eventual success of this effort. Furthermore, in a letter dated June 7, 2010 to Mr. Joseph Bissonnette, NTIA, the City of San Jose is on record of its support and desire to participate in BTOP.

We look forward to working with you and your staff in carrying out a transparent and fully coordinated BTOP project that will help safeguard the lives and property of all residents in the San Francisco Bay Area residents.

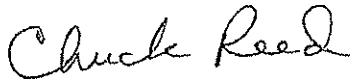
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Sincerely,



Chuck Reed  
Mayor

Sincerely,



Jeffrey V. Smith  
County Executive

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Attachment: June 7, 2010 to Mr. Joseph Bissonnette, NTIA.