

Broadband Technology Opportunities Program,
Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
Application

The San Francisco Bay Area
Wireless Enhanced
Broadband Project
(BayWEB)

SUPPLEMENTAL ATTACHMENT:
Evidence of Political Support

EVIDENCE OF POLITICAL SUPPORT

1. Letter of Support from Senator Dianne Feinstein, California
2. Letter of Support from Congressman Michael M. Honda, 15th District, California
3. Letter of Support from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, 16th District, California
4. Letter of Support from Mayor Ronald v. Dellums, Mayor of Oakland, California
5. Letter of Support from Mayor Gavin Newsom, Mayor of San Francisco, California
6. Letter of Support from Mayor Chuck Reed, Mayor of San Jose, California
7. Letter of Support from Senator Mark Leno, Third Senate District, California State Senate

DIANNE FEINSTEIN
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United States Senate

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March 22, 2010

The Honorable Gary Locke
Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Ave NW
Washington, District of Columbia 20024

Dear Secretary Locke,

I am writing in support of the Bay Area Urban Area Security Initiative's (UASI) application for a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

If awarded, this funding will be used to complete the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BAYWEB) system. This network is a subsystem of the Public Safety Regional Interoperable Communications System (BayRICS). The design of the network will utilize licensed 700MHz spectrum for Public Safety users and unlicensed spectrum for non-public safety users (for key institutions or sectors requiring resiliency) to build a mission critical broadband network. This resilient network will be designed to provide day to day interoperability for public safety users and a partitioned segment will provide resilient broadband for key institutions critical to the recovery efforts after a disaster.

The project has strong support from Bay Area governments and public safety agencies. As a United States Senator representing the State of California, I thank you for giving this grant proposal your full consideration.

Sincerely,

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Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

MICHAEL M. HONDA
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March 10, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary and Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
HCHB, Room 4887
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Honorable Strickling:

I am writing in support of the Bay Area Public/Private Partnership for the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) System, a regional 4G LTE broadband system.

BayWEB is a multi-jurisdictional project that encompasses all ten Bay Area counties. This system will provide high speed broadband services and information which shares capability throughout the region. Funding BayWEB will support the underserved regional public safety first responders by enhancing emergency communications in this high risk area. It should be a high priority to support our police officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel and to help restructure and improve emergency communications using a comprehensive, unified approach.

I support the efforts of the San Francisco Bay Area in their pursuit of providing an efficient, effective, regional broadband system. I ask that their grant application under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Phase II Program be given full and fair consideration consistent with applicable laws and regulations. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Honda
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary and Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing to request that serious consideration be given to the Bay Area Public/Private Partnership's application for funding from the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), for the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) System.

BayWEB is a regional 4G broadband network for use by public safety agencies in ten Bay Area counties. It is my understanding that BTOP funds would be used to complete this network. The applicant reports that BayWEB will enhance the daily operations of public safety agencies, build on existing communications infrastructure, and provide a resilient network for critical communications during emergencies.

Thank you for giving full and fair consideration to this application, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

Sincerely,


Zoe Lofgren
Member of Congress

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March 15, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary and Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
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1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling:

I am writing in support of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application submitted on behalf of multi-jurisdictional public safety organizations within the San Francisco Bay Area. The application supports the development of the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) System, which would provide a regionally shared public safety broadband 4G LTE system.

As you know, the Oakland/San Francisco Bay Area is a geographically diverse metropolitan region with many natural threats to public safety such as earthquakes, wild fires, and flooding. The region also includes many potential homeland security targets, such as the Port of Oakland, the Golden Gate Bridge, major petrochemical refineries and pipelines, educational institutions and many historical landmarks.

BayWEB is a collaborative approach by the ten Bay Area counties and provides a critically important coordinated approach. Funding for this application will strengthen the communication processes, procedures and systems for emergency first responders. BayWEB would enable seamless communication among key public safety agencies during a time of disaster and crisis, which is a necessity when time is of the essence. The System is of critical importance to not just the public safety needs of the region, but also the continuation of our economic development efforts as we work diligently to turn the corner on this unprecedented economic crisis.

Thank you for your consideration of the BayWEB application. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about my support.

Sincerely,

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Ronald V. Dellums
Mayor

Office of the Mayor
City & County of San Francisco



Gavin Newsom

March 15, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary and Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
United States Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
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Dear Administrator Strickling:

I am pleased to support the application for Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) funding for the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) System. BayWEB is a subsystem of the Bay Area Regional Interoperability Communications System (BayRICS). It will build an innovative, first of its kind, strong and resilient 4G, LTE broadband network through a public-private partnership. This regional solution is a collaboration of the ten Bay Area counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Francisco, Solano, and Sonoma that will tackle the critical communications challenges faced by first responders.

The San Francisco Bay Area region is at particular risk for major disasters, whether natural or man-made. Regional interoperable communications are critical to providing rapid and effective emergency response to any event, both during a major emergency and day-to-day. The BayWEB project will help provide important broadband coverage and capacity required for various first responders in multiple jurisdictions in the event of a terrorist event or disaster. Specifically, the grant will fund equipment, software, and services to establish a broadband network that will allow first responders to share both voice and data.

Thank you for giving this important project your highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Gavin Newsom
Mayor

March 11, 2010

The Honorable Lawrence Strickling
Assistant Secretary and Administrator
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, NW
HCHB, Room 4887
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Assistant Secretary Strickling,

I write in support of the proposed Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant application submitted on behalf of public safety organizations across the San Francisco Bay Area to fund the Bay Area Wireless Enhanced Broadband (BayWEB) System. BayWeb, a collaboration of the ten Bay Area counties, will provide a regionally shared public safety broadband 4G LTE system by building on previous public safety infrastructure investments.

The Bay Area is a geographically diverse metropolitan region with many natural threats to public safety such as earthquakes, wild fires, and flooding. Additionally, this region offers many targets that are threats to homeland security. Public safety has been my top priority as Mayor, and in the event of a disaster, it is imperative to have the type of seamless communication between Police, Fire and EMS first responders that BayWeb can provide.

I urge you to give this application your strongest consideration.

Sincerely,



Chuck Reed
Mayor

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California State Senate

SENATOR
MARK LENO
THIRD SENATE DISTRICT



March 15, 2010

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Funding BayWEB will support the underserved regional public safety first responders by enhancing emergency communications in the Bay Area. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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MARK LENO
Senator, 3rd District