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Ms. Alice Patterson
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RE: Proposal to Economic Development Administration proposal – Broadband Connectivity at Fairgrounds

Dear Ms. Patterson:

Please accept this letter as our support of and commitment to participate in the proposed project of the CSU Chico Geographical Information Center and CA Fairs Financing Authority (CFFA) to assess broadband connectivity at fairgrounds for emergency response/economic development and develop broadband plans, cost estimates and complete CEQA compliance.

We will work with CSU Chico and the CFFA to provide information about our fairground for the proposed connectivity assessment and broadband plans and review the proposed best practices document for fairground-based economic development coupled with high speed broadband. High speed connections to serve first responders and provide wireless internet access to evacuees during disasters will greatly enhance our ability to manage response and recovery during disasters. The connections will also allow us to explore alternative uses of the fairgrounds to support economic development in our communities.

We urge you to fund this comprehensive and innovative proposal.

Sincerely,

Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer
El Dorado County

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