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In reply refer to:
Investment No.: 07-79-07708

Donald Ashton
Chief Administrative Officer
County of El Dorado
330 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667-4103

Sent via Email

Dear Mr. Ashton:

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration (EDA) has approved your application for \$3,782,433 for the Middle-mile Fiber Optic Project.

Enclosed is a digitally signed copy of the Financial Assistance Award. Your agreement to the terms and conditions of the award should be indicated by the signature of your principal official(s) on the signed copy of the Financial Assistance Award, via one of the following methods:

1. Using a certified signature through Adobe or some other software.
2. Printing the document, signing in ink, and returning a scanned copy by email.

The fully executed document should be returned electronically to Economic Development Specialist, Michele Ko at mko@eda.gov, with a copy to Regional Director, Sheba Person-Whitley at sperson@eda.gov. If not signed and returned within 30 days of receipt, EDA may declare the Award null and void. Please retain a copy of the executed award for your records.

As required by the Department of Commerce Office of Inspector General and as specified in the terms of the award, all recipients of awards under the CARES Act must participate in Fraud Awareness Training. All personnel at your organization responsible for overseeing contractors, sub-contractors, or subrecipients, or who are otherwise responsible for managing your organization's finances are required to take the training. This requirement is satisfied by reading and understanding the enclosed PowerPoint presentation. Once you and the appropriate personnel at your organization have completed the training, please return a signed copy of the certification page (page 38 of the presentation) to my staff along with signed copies of the Financial Assistance Award.

Please do not make any commitments in reliance on this award until you have carefully reviewed and accepted the terms and conditions. Any commitments entered into prior to obtaining approval of EDA in accordance with its regulations and requirements will be at your own risk.

EDA's mission is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting innovation and competitiveness, preparing American regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy. EDA implements this mission by making strategic investments in the nation's most economically distressed communities that encourage private sector collaboration and creation of higher-skill, higher wage jobs. EDA investments are results driven, embracing the principles of technological innovation, entrepreneurship and regional development.

I share your expectations regarding the impact of this investment and look forward to working with you to meet the economic development needs of your community.

Sincerely,

Sheba Person-Whitley
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Sheba Person-Whitley
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Regional Director, Seattle Regional Office
Economic Development Administration

Enclosures

cc. Kerstin Millius, Area Director, EDA
Richard Berndt, Supervisory Program Manager, EDA
Malinda Matson, Economic Development Representative, EDA
Kyle Zimbelman, County of El Dorado