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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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America's libraries and recent federal broadband activities

The ALA Washington Office has prepared this addition to the Executive Board Report to provide an overview of major federal activity regarding broadband over the last two years. The report outlines how the ALA has participated in the policymaking and how libraries have benefitted. Following the report is a chart listing all stimulus awards benefitting libraries, which was last updated on September 30, 2010.

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The passage of MLSA ensures that the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) can continue its federal leadership role by administering the numerous programs in the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) portion of the bill.

This bill received bipartisan support from both Republicans and Democrats in both House and the Senate.

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The reauthorization bills under consideration in the 111th Congress have been H.R. 3845 and S. 1692. Both bills make modest changes to the PATRIOT Act including some changes improving Section 215 related to judicial review and oversight. At this time, the approach in H.R. 3845 is preferred over the Senate version in part because it includes some improvement to the national security letter (NSL) standards. We cannot predict if the new Congress will start with the above proposals are instigate whole new approaches to reauthorization of the three expiring sections.

Despite no action on these bills, some observers find hope in the Department of Justice (DOJ)'s announcement this month that it would voluntarily comply with the changes proposed in these bills. On one hand this is a positive step, but such a voluntary move does not make statutory changes in the law that would make permanent such practices. Some observers are concerned that this will lead to a backtracking from these policies if it is not codified into the law.

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Unfortunately, NTIA is facing a critical funding shortfall that could jeopardize the ability of libraries to obtain high-capacity broadband via BTOP. The recent report from the Inspector General of the Department of Commerce notes that NTIA has not received the necessary appropriations to continue to implement and monitor the BTOP projects.

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When an ESEA bill is introduced next year, the Washington Office will continue working to ensure that school libraries are included in the legislation. The Washington Office has been pushing Congress to define in an ESEA bill an "effective school library program" as a school library that is staffed by a state certified school librarian, has up-to-date materials and equipment that can allow for regular collaboration among school librarians and classroom teachers. If the legislation remains similar to what is being discussed, ALA wants a school that does not meet this definition of an "effective school library program," to have to use a portion of their federal money authorized in the Literacy Education for All, Results for the Nation (LEARN) Act to meet this definition. If a school does meet this definition, then they are allowed to use this federal money in other areas.

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libraries and governments better assist their users to successfully engage in e-government activities. Project partners also include the University of Illinois at Chicago and the Information Institute at Florida State University.

Developed jointly by CLII and ALA, this Web resource will include service and resource content, tutorials, best practice approaches to government-library collaborations, embedded expert government information digital reference, guidance on the provision of e-government services, the ability to share and exchange practices, and tools to facilitate local customization of e-government service provision and resources in libraries. This Web resource will facilitate the ability of libraries to:

- Provide essential e-government services to their residents and communities;
- Work with agencies to develop collaborations to facilitate services to individuals; and
- Develop a range of collective support tools, templates, and training materials that help libraries of all types engage in e-government services rather than each library working on its own.

On December 9, the ALA Washington Office co-sponsored a webinar titled "E-Gov: Make It Work @ Your Library" with American Libraries Magazine and the ALA Office for Research & Statistics.

The webinar had three presenters: Nancy Fredericks, E-Government Services Manager at Pasco County Public Library Cooperative; John Bertot, Director Center for Library & Information Innovation, University of Maryland; and Bill Sudduth, Head Government Information and Microforms, Newspapers and Maps, University of South Carolina.

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During Midwinter, the Washington Office will host a Breakout Session II titled "Major Changes in E-rate" to be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 8, in SDCC-Room 30 E. Expert John Noran of the Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service Administrative Company – the agency that administers this critical program will speak. Noran will explain the changes brought by the Federal Communications Commission's Sixth Report & Order. Those with questions specific to their state or local libraries can set up a 15-minute appointment with Noran after the program.

E-rate advocacy remains a high priority item with significant revisions in the E-rate program expected to continue in 2011. ALA anticipates a second Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to be releases by the FCC in the first quarter of 2011. This will address the remaining issues from the National Broadband Plan not addressed by the FCC in the 6th order. ALA will submit comments as appropriate and monitor FCC action. OITP continues to hold monthly conference calls for the E-rate Task Force and state E-rate coordinators with staff of the FCC and

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In its final conclusion, the SCCR "will undertake text-based work with the objective of reaching agreement on appropriate exceptions and limitations for persons with print disabilities and other reading disabilities."

The U.S. library community was well represented by the Library Copyright Alliance (LCA) – of which ALA is a member – and internationally by the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) and the Electronic Information for Libraries (eIFL). The LCA statement to the SCCR urged "the Member States to focus on the twin issues of a national exception for countries that currently lack an exception (for persons with disabilities), and the cross-border distribution of works" as well as "the development of a core set of library limitations and exceptions necessary to sustain a global information society."

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During the discussion, Stevens and Visser had the opportunity to highlight the role of school libraries in teaching digital literacy. Stevens also emphasized the importance of classroom teachers and school librarians collaborating in any digital literacy initiatives schools undertake. Visser mentioned OITP' interest in collecting examples of digital literacy programs that are already in place in public libraries. School, public, and academic libraries teach digital literacy skills as a regular part of their programs.

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The associations specifically asked the FCC to address the following concerns prior to the vote on the net neutrality order, which took place on December 21.

- The definition of Broadband Internet Access Service should not be limited to "consumer" retail services. If the word "consumer" is defined as a "residential" consumer, then libraries and higher education would not be protected by the proposed net neutrality rules and policies.
- Net neutrality protections should be limited to "lawful traffic" (as in the Waxman draft legislation). Broadband operators should not be given absolute discretion to block traffic based on their own private determination that it is unlawful. It is inconsistent with core First Amendment values to allow broadband operators to impose prior restraints on Internet speakers without the benefit of a prior judicial determination or other adequate due process.
- ALA, ARL, and EDUCAUSE believe "paid prioritization" should be banned altogether. Higher education and libraries already pay subscriber fees to obtain access to the Internet. Our concern is that such prioritization puts not-for-profit educational institutions at a disadvantage compared to entertainment and for-profit educational entities.
- Wireless services should be treated the same as wireline services. All Internet subscribers, whether using wireline or wireless technologies, should have the same right to a neutral, non-prioritized Internet. There is no defensible reason to apply weaker safeguards to wireless than wireline technologies.
- The definition of Broadband Internet Access Service should not be limited to providers serving "all or substantially all Internet end points." This could be a loophole that allows

a broadband provider to construct a service limited to a subset of Internet access points as a way to evade net neutrality protections.

A few days later, U.S. Reps. Doris Matsui (CA-5), Edward Markey (MA-7) and Anna Eshoo (CA-14) called on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to ensure its upcoming order on network (net) neutrality applies to anchor institutions.

The members' letter sent to the FCC requested that any net neutrality safeguards ensure that the Internet remains open for such content and essential services to the public. The members asserted that "Community anchor institutions should be included in the definition of broadband Internet access service and in the non-discrimination protections. Leaving these critical institutions out of the proposal will create a gaping hole in the FCC's net neutrality safeguards."

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As technologies have dramatically evolved over the last few years, the American Library Association has not only followed this progression but has played a major role in shaping national policies specifically regarding our nation's goals for national broadband build-out.

Today, despite the needs our nation's libraries face, we know that libraries are the premiere community source for no-fee access to the Internet, often the only source as ALA studies show. It is evident the current Administration knows this as well, as recent federal broadband discussions and policies have emphasized the role libraries play.

Much of this activity has provided opportunities for our association to shine a light on libraries, specifically through the ALA Washington Office's work to inform the Administration's implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and to lobby for the technology needs of libraries in the National Broadband Plan.

Congress passed the ARRA (aka stimulus) in February 2009 with $7.2 billion appropriated for broadband to the Department Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the USDA's Rural Utilities Service (RUS).

The stimulus' journey from the president's desk to the pockets of libraries was a long one – a journey that continues today.

Since first round stimulus did not favor the needs of anchor institutions as we thought it would based on the original language in the Act, the ALA and other groups representing anchor institutions founded the Schools, Health and Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, launched on June 11, 2009, to promote the deployment of high-capacity broadband facilities to these anchor institutions. It became apparent that action should be taken to ensure the high capacity

needs of anchors would be met in the stimulus program, and as part of SHLB, ALA has widely promoted the idea that bringing broadband to anchors will benefit the entire community – particularly rural communities – by making the business case for providers to build out into the area where they might not have gone otherwise.

The coalition seeks to improve the broadband capabilities of schools, libraries and health care providers so that they can enhance the quality and availability of the essential services they provide to the public and serve underserved and unserved populations more effectively. Today, this group is a highly respected coalition in Washington, and the ALA is a major player in all group activities.

The ALA Washington Office's efforts with the SHLB coalition and independently have included a number of official filings with the regulating agencies and lobbying leaders in the Federal Communications Commission and Congress. These activities along with our efforts to guide membership with applying for broadband funding can be attributed to the great success libraries have had with securing broadband stimulus funding. The Washington Office held biweekly calls with COSLA and the chapters, presented regular webinars, offered informational documents, and conducted question-and-answer sessions with consultants during Midwinter and Annual. (*See chart for list of stimulus funds benefitting libraries as of September 2010.*)

On September 27, 2010, U.S. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke announced 14 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act investments to help bridge the technological divide, create jobs, and improve education and public safety in communities across the country. The investments, totaling $206.8 million in grants, were the final awards in a program to increase broadband Internet access and adoption, enhancing the quality of life for Americans and laying the groundwork for sustainable economic growth.

"In a globalized 21st century economy, when you don't have regular access to high-speed Internet, you don't have access to all the educational, business and employment opportunities it provides," Locke said. "These critical Recovery Act investments will create jobs and lay the groundwork for long-term sustainable economic growth in communities across America."

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and NTIA Administrator Lawrence E. Strickling emphasized libraries in the announcement.

"In total, we are investing in 233 strong projects that reach every state," he said. "Most are 'middle mile' networks that expand high-speed Internet availability to communities and connect key institutions, such as schools, libraries, and hospitals. This focus allows us to get the biggest bang for every grant dollar by addressing communities' broadband problems while creating jobs and facilitating sustainable economic growth."

Rural libraries in particular have seen a boon in funding through the money provided through funds allotted to the RUS, and the ALA filed comments to the RUS on the importance of libraries in rural communities in May 2009.

On Sept. 24, 2010, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced investments in 30 states that will create jobs by building and enhancing libraries in 129 rural communities across the nation. The projects were funded through the ARRA.

Vilsak's statement in the announcement confirmed that the department understands the critical role libraries play in all communities, especially rural areas. "Libraries are the centerpiece of rural community life, but in many cases they need additional funding to provide rural residents with computer access, modern equipment and new training and educational opportunities," Vilsack said. "These Recovery Act investments in our nation's libraries will serve rural America for generations to come."

Thankfully, this recognition of libraries from the Administration goes far beyond the USDA, as the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has voiced strong support of libraries throughout the process of creating the National Broadband Plan.

Most notably, the findings of an FCC-commissioned report by the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) report's titled *Broadband Adoption in Low-Income Communities* highlighted the importance of libraries in closing the digital divide and the need to utilize libraries in the National Broadband Plan. The FCC commissioned this report to inform their understanding of barriers to broadband adoption and to shape the National Broadband Plan. The ALA was instrumental in the development of this report, helping the research team connect with libraries in their target states. They met with librarians at the state and local level to inform their research. On March 2, 2010, the ALA hosted an event in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill to unveil the study findings of the SSRC report.

The study highlights how libraries and other community organizations fill the gap between low home adoption and high community demand and provide a number of other critical services, such as training and support. According to the study, these support organizations often help users gain the skills that lead to confident, sustainable home broadband adoption. The report stated that support organizations are under severe economic pressure to meet community connectivity needs, and it addressed challenges that vary from price to skill and language barriers to the challenges of community-based organizations, such as libraries, in providing broadband access for those without it at home as well as instruction on using the Internet.

The SSRC study found that public libraries are critical anchor institutions that enable social and economic inclusion in many communities due to their role as primary providers of broadband access, training and support for those without broadband at home.

The study suggested that supporting the mission with core technology funding and specialized staff is an efficient way of mitigating the high costs of digital exclusion.

When the National Broadband Plan was finally released on March 17, 2010, it recommended that the federal government and state governments develop an institutional framework that will help America's anchor institutions obtain broadband connectivity, training, applications and services.

It also stated that government should take steps to enable these and other community institutions to better utilize their connectivity to provide a better quality of life for all people.

Recommendation 9.3 of the plan recommended that the federal government launch a National Digital Literacy Program that creates a Digital Literacy Corps, increases the capacity of digital literacy partners and creates an Online Digital Literacy Portal.

Specifically, the plan includes the following recommendations:

- Congress should consider providing additional public funds to create a Digital Literacy Corps to conduct training and outreach in non-adopting communities.
- Congress, the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) should commit to increase the capacity of institutions that act as partners in building the digital literacy skills of people within local communities.
- Congress should consider providing additional public funds to IMLS to improve connectivity, enhance hardware and train personnel of libraries and other community-based organizations (CBOs).
- OMB consulting with IMLS should develop guidelines to ensure that librarians and CBOs have the training they need to help patrons use next-generation e-government applications.
- Congress should consider funding an Online Digital Literacy Portal.

The NBP also calls for reform of the E-Rate program and implementation of Internet (net) neutrality.

The release of the plan spurred both legislative and regulatory activity. The ALA is engaging in opportunities to inform policies and continues to monitor all developments.

However, without passage of legislation in the 111th Congress, this issue will carry over into the 112th Congress in January 2011.

Libraries Benefitting from Stimulus Awards

(last updated by Washington Office on September 30, 2010)

Date Reported	Agency	ARRA Program	Recipient	State	Funding	Amount	Use
5/18/2009	Federal Communications Commission	Unknown	Carbondale Public Library	IL	Contract	$8,145	Programs
6/22/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	East Ramapo Central School District	NY	Grant	$0	Programs
7/6/2009	National Foundation on the Arts and the Humanities	Unknown	Brooklyn Public Library	NY	Grant	$25,000	Employment
7/8/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Spanish Peaks Library District	CO	Grant	$25,000	Equipment
7/14/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Leetonia Community Public Library	OH	Grant	$30,000	Equipment
7/22/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Samuels Library Inc	VA	Grant	$50,000	Equipment
7/22/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Friends of the Round Valley Public Library	CA	Grant	$100,000	Equipment
7/24/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Whitman County Rural Library District	WA	Loan	$550,000	Construction
8/2/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Miami Dade County Public Schools	FL	Grant	$0	Employment
9/15/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Camden City Public Schools	NJ	Grant	$2,000,000	Programs
9/16/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	The Friends of the Library of Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, Inc.	PA	Grant	$300,000	Construction
9/18/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	County of Tulare	CA	Grant	$55,000	Technology
9/21/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Hanover Township Library	IL	Grant	$30,000	Construction
9/24/2009	Department of Agriculture	Unknown	Raleigh County Public Library	WV	Grant	$27,000	Equipment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Sacramento County Office of Education	CA	Grant	$750,000	Employment

Date	Agency	Program	Recipient	State	Type	Amount	Category
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Florida	FL	Grant	$1,479,922,294	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Florida	FL	Grant	$491,453,230	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	Title I	State of Florida	FL	Grant	$490,575,352	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	IDEA	State of Iowa	IA	Grant	$122,095,134	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	Title I	State of Mississippi	MS	Grant	$132,888,489	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	Title I	Rochester City School District	NY	Grant	$0	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Richmond County Schools	NC	Loan	$1,600,000	Construction
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Ohio	OH	Grant	$980,685,675	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Funds	State of Rhode Island	RI	Grant	$90,391,135	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Texas	TX	Grant	$2,177,682,329	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Virginia	VA	Grant	$659,190,155	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Washington	WA	Grant	$549,364,388	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Connecticut	CT	Grant	$296,978,743	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	State of Michigan	MI	Grant	$872,587,225	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	IDEA	State of California	CA	Grant	$1,226,944,052	Employment
11/2/2009	Department of Education	IDEA	State of California	CA	Grant	$41,028,219	Employment
11/4/2009	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities	Hazel Green Community Development Authority	WI	Loan	$1,000,000	Construction
11/4/2009	Department of Agriculture	Communities Facilities	East Dubuque Library District	IL	Loan	$310,000	Construction
11/4/2009	Department of Agriculture	Communities Facilities	East Dubuque Library District	IL	Grant	$30,000	Construction
11/8/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Farmington Public Schools	CT	Grant	$0	Employment
11/18/2009	Department of Education	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund	California State University - Fresno	CA	Grant	$1,400,000	Operations

8/2/2009	Department of Education	Unknown	Miami Dade County Public Schools	FL	Grant	$0	Employment
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records	AZ	Grant	$1,278,528	Technology
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	City of Boston	MA	Grant	$1,906,439	Technology
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	New Mexico State Library	NM	Grant	$1,457,488	Telecommunications
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	ION Hold Co., LLC	NY	Grant	$39,724,614	Telecommunications
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	North Georgia Network Cooperative, Inc.	GA	Grant	$33,490,537	Telecommunications
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Biddeford Internet Corp.	ME	Grant	$25,402,904	Telecommunications
12/17/2009	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	South Dakota Network, LLC	SD	Grant	$20,572,242	Telecommunications
1/12/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities	Town of Mills River	NC	Loan	$1,030,000	Construction
1/12/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities	Jackson County Public Library	NC	Grant	$200,000	Equipment
1/13/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	City of Los Angeles	CA	Grant	$7,496,157	Technology
1/20/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Merit Network, Inc.	PA	Grant	$33,289,221	Telecommunications
1/20/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Michigan State University	MI	Grant	$895,482	Technology
1/20/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	MCNC	NC	Grant	$28,225,520	Telecommunications
2/5/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	OSHEAN Inc.	RI	Grant	$1,245,500	Technology
2/18/2010	Department of	Broadband	North Florida	FL	Grant	$30,142,676	Telecommunications

	Commerce	Technology Opportunities Program	Broadband Authority				
2/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	State Library of Louisiana	LA	Grant	$8,797,668	Technology
2/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	New York State Education Department	NY	Grant	$9,521,150	Technology
2/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Executive Office of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	PA	Grant	$28,784,014	Telecommunications
2/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Executive Office of the State of West Virginia	WV	Grant	$126,323,296	Telecommunications
2/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	State of Wisconsin Department of Administration	WI	Grant	$22,978,367	Telecommunications
2/19/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	DeKalb County Government	IL	Grant	$11,864,164	Telecommunications
2/22/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	University of Utah	UT	Grant	$13,401,096	Telecommunications
2/24/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc.	NM	Grant	$11,252,066	Telecommunications
3/1/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	City of Los Angeles, California	CA	Grant	$7,496,157	Technology
3/1/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Northwest Open Access Network	WA	Grant	$84,347,997	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Columbia County Georgia Information Technology Department	GA	Grant	$13,483,004	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois	IL	Grant	$22,534,776	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Education Networks of America, Inc.	IN	Grant	$14,257,172	Telecommunications

3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Deaf Action Center of Louisiana	LA	Grant	$1,380,513	Technology
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	OpenCape Corporation	MA	Grant	$32,072,093	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Mitchell County Historic Courthouse Foundation	NC	Grant	$239,194	Technology
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	OneCommunity	OH	Grant	$18,701,771	Programs
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Lane Council of Governments	OR	Grant	$8,325,530	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System	WI	Grant	$5,106,373	Telecommunications
3/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.	WV	Grant	$3,201,760	Telecommunications
3/5/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	State of Louisiana Board of Regents	LA	Grant	$80,596,415	Telecommunications
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	First Step Internet	ID	Grant	$2,393,623	Telecommunications
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunties Program	City of Chicago	IL	Grant	$7,074,369	Technology
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunites Program	Fayetteville State University	NC	Grant	$1,012,401	Technology
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Zito Media Communications II, LLC	OH	Grant	$6,136,904	Telecommunications
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Vermont Council on Rural Development	VT	Grant	$2,525,675	Technology
3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities	Nelson County of Virginia	VA	Grant	$1,826,646	Telecommunications

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3/25/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Page County Broadband Authority	VA	Grant	$1,648,941	Telecommunications
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Seaford District Library Commission	DE	Grant	$81,000	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Cherokee Regional Library System	GA	Grant	$100,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Eldorado Memorial Public Library District	IL	Grant	$34,500	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Moyer District Library	IL	Grant	$5,800	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Cambridge City Public Library	IN	Grant	$111,800	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Rockville Public Library	IN	Grant	$9,850	Programs
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Dubois Branch Library	IN	Grant	$200,000	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Fontanelle	IA	Grant	$150,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Swans Island Educational Society	ME	Grant	$398,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Northome Library	MN	Grant	$15,000	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	St. Clair County Library	MO	Grant	$37,000	Technology
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Town of Waddington	NY	Loan	$116,930	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Town of Waddington	NY	Grant	$100,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Harnett County Public Library	NC	Loan	$2,600,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Leeper Library Association	OH	Loan	$227,000	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Leeper Library Association	OH	Grant	$75,000	Equipment
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities	City of Antlers	OK	Loan	$107,814	Construction

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4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Friends of Tellico Village Library, Inc.	TN	Loan	$1,509,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Lewis	IA	Grant	$187,250	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Scotland County Memorial Hospital District	MO	Loan	$706,000	Construction
4/15/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Scotland County Memorial Hospital District	MO	Grant	$500,000	Construction
4/16/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Allegiance Communications	AR	Grant	$28,619,485	Telecommunications
4/26/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	City of Williamstown, Kentucky	KY	Grant	$535,308	Telecommunications
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Kern County Library	CA	Grant	$200,000	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mendocino County Library	CA	Grant	$134,000	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Siskiyou County Library	CA	Grant	$83,420	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Wray	CO	Grant	$47,000	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Sterling	CO	Grant	$30,000	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mancos Library District	CO	Grant	$39,950	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Cherokee Regional Library System	GA	Grant	$100,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Guam Community College Learning Resource Center (Library) Project	HI	Loan	$2,250,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Palestine Public Library District	IL	Grant	$50,000	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Frankfort Community Public Library	IN	Grant	$19,640	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Pike County Public Library	IN	Grant	$200,000	Equipment

5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Clarksville	IA	Loan	$150,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Clarksville	IA	Grant	$84,638	None
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Lewis County Public Library	KY	Loan	$1,100,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Lewis County Public Library	KY	Grant	$200,000	None
5/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Community Facilities Program	City of Rushford	MN	Loan	$2,234,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Rushford	MN	Grant	$250,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Hickory County Library	MO	Grant	$1,650	Technology
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mercer County Library	MO	Loan	$90,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mercer County Library	MO	Grant	$238,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	St. Clair County Library	MO	Grant	$22,000	Technology
5/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Community Facilities Program	City of Ainsworth	NE	Grant	$68,700	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Pawnee City Public Library	NE	Loan	$160,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Pawnee City Public Library	NE	Grant	$139,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Town of Whitefield	NH	Loan	$80,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Town of Whitefield	NH	Grant	$170,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Dansville Public Library	NY	Loan	$2,241,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Dansville Public Library	NY	Grant	$275,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	City of Pembroke	NC	Loan	$232,800	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of	Community	City of Pembroke	NC	Grant	$235,000	Construction

	Agriculture	Facilities Program					
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Guymon Utilities Authority	OK	Loan	$3,701,240	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Guymon Utilities Authority	OK	Grant	$653,160	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mahanoy Public Library	PA	Loan	$15,920	Technology
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Mahanoy Public Library	PA	Grant	$19,460	Technology
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	St. Johnsbury Athenaeum	VT	Grant	$136,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Rutland Free Library Association	VT	Grant	$44,600	Equipment
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	King and Queen County	VA	Loan	$330,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	King and Queen County	VA	Grant	$125,000	Construction
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	Town of St. Paul	VA	Grant	$22,890	Technology
5/27/2010	Department of Agriculture	Community Facilities Program	McDowell Public Library	WV	Grant	$31,600	Construction
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Com Net, Inc.	OH	Grant	$30,031,849	Telecommunications
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Arizona Office of Economic Recovery	AZ	Grant	$1,646,936	Technology
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	District of Columbia Government	DC	Grant	$17,457,764	Telecommunications
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Maine State Library	ME	Grant	$1,362,459	Technology
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Montana State Library	MT	Grant	$1,829,473	Technology
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities	Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs	NV	Grant	$806,045	Technology

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7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Thomas Edison State College	NJ	Grant	$5,104,914	Technology
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Oklahoma Department of Libraries	OK	Grant	$2,333,250	Technology
7/2/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Tennessee State Library & Archives	TN	Grant	$557,020	Technology
8/4/2010	Department of Agriculture	Undetermined	Crystal Automation Systems, Inc	MI	Grant	$26,497,425	Telecommunications
8/18/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Northwest Open Access Network	WA	Grant	$54,452,347	Telecommunications
9/13/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Auburn University	AL	Grant	$4,636,354	Technology
9/13/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Alaska Department of Education & Early Development	AK	Grant	$5,351,378	Technology
9/13/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Louisville-Jefferson County Metro	KY	Grant	$743,741	Technology
9/13/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Toledo-Lucas County Public Library	OH	Grant	$2,163,655	Technology
9/17/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Maryland Department of Information Technology	MD	Grant	$115,240,581	Telecommunications
9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Monterey County Office of Education	CA	Grant	$3,631,495	Technology
9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Colorado Board of Education	CO	Grant	$2,275,526	Technology
9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Florida A&M University	FL	Grant	$1,477,722	Technology
9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Lyon County School District	NV	Grant	$745,005	Technology

9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe	NY	Grant	$641,750	Technology
9/27/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Portland State University	OR	Grant	$3,318,031	Programs
9/30/2010	Department of Commerce	Broadband Technology Opportunities Program	Delaware Department of State	DE	Grant	$1,899,929	Technology