



STATE OF NEW MEXICO
OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION

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Subject: Request –Middle Mile (MM) Applications due to National Telecommunications and Information Administration by September 30, 2022

Dear New Mexico Internet Service Provider (ISP), New Mexico Tribes and Pueblos, Counties, Municipalities and all other concerned parties:

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's (NTIA) application deadline for the Middle Mile is fast approaching. Applications for New Mexico will be coordinated by the state in order to meet expectations by NTIA that we are prioritizing efforts to close middle map gaps.

If you intend to submit an NTIA MM Application and would like to request a letter of support from the state, please submit a map and detailed information about your application by September 15. The Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAE) will review materials by September 22. This effort will ensure coordination and minimize route duplication. If the proposed application addresses MM needs and resiliency (route rings are closed) on key route corridors, then OBAE will provide you with a letter of support by September 25. Any conflicts and duplications will be pointed out for a possible correction. This approach, including these target dates, will ensure a robust state-coordinated Middle Mile Application process.

Consistent with the deadlines provided, please submit the requested information to broadband@state.nm.us. Thank you for your participation in this critical effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Schlegel".

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