

SANTA FE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-46

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SANTA FE COUNTY TO SERVE AS A SUB-RECIPIENT OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM (BTOP), NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

WHEREAS, in 2007, several local governments, including Santa Fe County, united in a groundbreaking effort called REDI (Regional Economic Development Initiative), which produced Northern New Mexico's first regional and comprehensive economic development strategic plan to address the region's systemic problems, including low incomes, high poverty rates, geographic isolation, lack of private investment and lack of opportunities for upward mobility;

WHEREAS, high-speed broadband was identified as *the region's number one economic development priority* because of its ability to assist residents in achieving goals, including 1) strengthening the private sector, primarily in areas of technology, media, renewable energy and green industry; 2) providing access to markets and services for remote home-based businesses and residents; 3) providing adequate bandwidth for 21st century applications in the region's schools and colleges; 4) supporting distance learning and telemedicine applications upon which rural residents depend; 5) leveraging the efforts of rural electric cooperatives in green grid and smart grid deployment; and 6) providing secure and efficient networks for public safety, homeland security and emergency response;

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has established the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) to provide grants to support the deployment of broadband infrastructure, to enhance broadband capacity at public computer centers and to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband services;

WHEREAS, lack of access to affordable backhaul and middle-mile services has been a persistent barrier to economic and community development in Northern New Mexico;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County lacks access to affordable backhaul and middle-mile services for its own governmental uses; and

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County strongly supports a publically-owned, open middle-mile network as the most viable solution for providing high-speed broadband access to government, businesses and residents in rural areas, where the case for private investment is weak.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Santa Fe County will serve as a sub-recipient of federal financial assistance for BTOP funds, if awarded, to the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) for the REDI Middle-Mile Broadband Network;
2. Santa Fe County will own the portion of the REDI Broadband Network infrastructure procured and deployed through BTOP grant funding that will be constructed within its jurisdiction;
3. Santa Fe County will comply with the obligations set forth in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and will adhere to all applicable federal compliance requirements of the BTOP program, as well as state and local procurement codes;
4. Santa Fe County is a member of NCNMEDD, and has designated a representative to serve on its Broadband Technical Committee that will advise and support the NCNMEDD Board on the construction phase of the project and on reinvestment activities after construction is completed;
5. Through the Broadband Technical Committee and the NCNMEDD Board, Santa Fe County, NCNMEDD, and the other sub-recipients for this project will oversee construction of the network, contracts for network management and operation and maintenance, and future reinvestment and expansion activities;
6. Santa Fe County plans to purchase services for its community anchor institutions located within the REDI Broadband Network service area from the REDI Broadband Network once it is operational.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 9 day of March, 2010.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



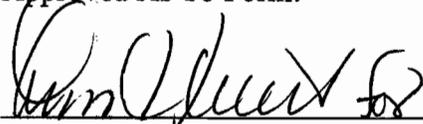
Harry B. Montoya, Chair



Valerie Espinoza,
County Clerk

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Approved As To Form:



Stephen C. Ross
County Attorney



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