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Ex Parte

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: GN Docket Nos. 09-47, 09-51, and 09-137

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Yesterday, in response to a request from Commission staff for input on a framework for a public-private partnership that would help small businesses benefit from broadband, Mr. Shaun O'Connor of Microsoft Corp. ("Microsoft") emphasized the benefits of supporting advanced application training in such partnerships.

Specifically Mr. O'Connor indicated to Mr. David Vorhaus, Expert Advisor to the National Broadband Task Force, that there is a significant community of developers who live and work in rural and other underserved areas where broadband availability may be limited. Mr. Vorhaus noted that with access to broadband and advanced application training, these developers would be well positioned to excel at various jobs in the Information and Communications Technology ("ICT") sector, including especially first- and second-level remote PC and server support.

Pursuant to Section 1.1204(a)(10) of the Commission's rules, a copy of this letter is being filed electronically in the above-referenced dockets. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paula Boyd
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Regulatory Counsel for Microsoft Corp.

cc: David Vorhaus