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

RE: Expression of Interest – Rural Broadband Experiments
Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. (MTE), hereby expresses interest in participating in the Commission's Rural Broadband Experiments.

A. Entity Background

Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc. (MTE), based in Idaho, is an employee owned and operated company that has been in operation since 1909. Today, MTE provides telephone and broadband services in rural exchanges located in Cascabel, Granite Mountain, Millsite, Silver Bell and Young Arizona, plus Lakeview, Midvale and Stanley Idaho. MTE has installed softswitches in their telephone exchanges and serves parts of the Granite Mountain, Millsite and Young, Arizona exchanges with FTTH.

Part of the Stanley Idaho exchange is also served with FTTH. Portions of these remote rural areas were constructed using ARRA funding. In the FTTH service areas and the rural areas fed by optical service nodes and ADSL, the services offered exceed 4 Mbps download and 1 Mbps upload speeds. In the Weiser Idaho CLEC area facility, based broadband services are provided in town via ADSL and VDSL. In rural areas, 5.8 GHz point to multipoint microwave is used to serve customers.

B. Geographic Territory

ST	County	County Name	TractID	Eligible High Cost Locations	Extremely High Cost Locations	Annual Support
ID	16087	Washington	16087970100	44	20	\$20,085.96
ID	16087	Washington	16087970200	126	14	\$37,585.74
ID	16087	Washington	16087970300	54	16	\$33,023.35
		Total				\$90,695.05

C. Broadband Technology

MTE has earned a reputation of taking telephone and broadband services where no services previously existed. The planned technology to serve the three (3) unserved or underserved tracts includes a combination of fiber and/or microwave backhaul between the Weiser central office and WiMax 802.16e transmitter sites located on mountain ridges. From the transmitter sites 32 Mbps per sector is available to serve customers located in the valleys. In this deployment, the mitigating factors are terrain, environment, weather and the chance that customer locations are operating off of the power grid.

D. Service Offerings

Package Deals

4 Meg Bundle - \$59.95 + taxes 4 Mbps down/1 Mbps up

This bundle is great for downloading music, sending photos, live chats or video calling.

- Up to 4 Mbps Downstream
- Local Service
- Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling
- Up to 5 Email Addresses
- Router

6 Meg Bundle - \$79.95 + taxes 6 Mbps down/1 Mbps up

Try this bundle if you like watching movies on line, standard definition IPTV.

- Up to 6 Mbps Downstream
- Local Service
- Caller ID and Voicemail
- Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling
- Up to 5 Email Addresses
- Router

10 Meg Bundle - \$99.95 + taxes 10 Mbps down/1 Mbps up

Excellent for online gaming, home offices, Hi-Def IPTV or multiple computers.

- Up to 10 Mbps Downstream
- Local Service
- Caller ID and Voicemail
- Call Waiting, Call Forwarding, 3-Way Calling
- Up to 10 Email Addresses
- Router

E. State, Local or Tribal Participation

No local or state project support has been identified, however, Midvale anticipates that the Community of Weiser and the county government will support the project. The Native American Historic Tribes in the area include the Nez Perce and the Paiute. Project support from those tribes is expected in terms of SHPO/NEPA approvals to allow the project to be constructed.

F. Existing Providers

The existing providers in the proposed tracts are AT&T, Cable One, Century Link, Safelink Internet and Verizon.

G. List of Anchor Institutions

The anchor institutions are as follows:

Midvale Anchor Institutions in Tracts		
CAMBRIDGE COMMUNITY DISTRICT	CAMBRIDGE	ID
CAMBRIDGE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	CAMBRIDGE	ID
CAMBRIDGE JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL	CAMBRIDGE	ID
CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	CAMBRIDGE	ID
MIDVALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	MIDVALE	ID
MIDVALE SCHOOL	MIDVALE	ID
MIDVALE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	MIDVALE	ID
WEISER CITY HALL	WEISER	ID
MIDVALE COMMUNITY LIBRARY	MIDVALE	ID
WEISER RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT MANN CREEK FIRE ST 2	WEISER	ID
WASHINGTON COUNTY COURTHOUSE	WEISER	ID
WEISER DISTRICT OFFICE PAYETTE NAT'L FOREST	WEISER	ID
WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF	WEISER	ID
WEISER PD	WEISER	ID
WEISER PUBLIC LIBRARY	WEISER	ID
WEISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	WEISER	ID
WEISER MIDDLE SCHOOL	WEISER	ID
PARK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL	WEISER	ID
WEISER CITY FIRE DEPT	WEISER	ID
WEISER HIGH SCHOOL	WEISER	ID
SNAKE RIVER HERITAGE CENTER	WEISER	ID
PIONEER PRIMARY SCHOOL	WEISER	ID
WEISER AREA RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1	WEISER	ID

H. Funding Proposed

The proposed funding for the three (3) tracts is provided in the table below:

Tract	9701	9702	9703
Tower Costs	\$900,000	\$2,700,000	\$1,200,000
Fiber Costs	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000
Engineering	\$162,000	\$216,000	\$171,000
TOTAL	\$1,812,000	\$3,666,000	\$2,121,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 7,599,000.00		

I. Project Timeline

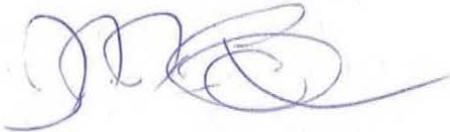
The project involves serving areas in mountain terrain along the Idaho and Oregon border. MTE anticipates requirements for U.S. Forest Service permits. Seasonal construction limits because of inclement weather and rocky conditions are also expected. Because of environmental and extreme construction conditions, MTE expects the project to take from three (3) to five (5) years to complete.

J. Comments

The proposal cost is expected to be \$7,599,000 and will require a lump sum payment upfront to construct the facility. Ongoing annual support of \$380,000 will be required to serve the Eligible High Cost and Extremely High Cost locations.

MTE appreciates the opportunity to submit this non-binding expression of interest.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Stuart', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

John Stuart
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Midvale Telephone Exchange, Inc.