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Call for Reviewers
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

Help America Advance its National Objective of Broadband Access for All

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce is soliciting experts to evaluate grant proposals for the \$4.7 billion Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), an important part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

NTIA will conduct panel reviews of BTOP applications in late August and September, 2009. As a reviewer, your evaluations will be an important factor considered by NTIA in determining whether to award grant funding. To be considered as a reviewer you must have significant expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas: 1) the design, funding, construction, and operation of broadband networks or public computer centers; 2) broadband-related outreach, training, or education; and 3) innovative programs to increase the demand for broadband services.

We are committed to ensuring that reviewers come from diverse backgrounds and areas of the United States. Please feel free to circulate this "Call for Reviewers" to other individuals or organizations that may be sources of qualified reviewers.

To apply to be a panel reviewer for BTOP, please email a resume containing the information below to BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov:

- Name
- Residence (city and state)
- Email/phone number
- Employer(s) and list of states in which employer(s) operate
- Position/Title
- Years and types of experience and positions in fields related to BTOP activities

Also, please send a signed BTOP Conflict of Interest and Confidentiality form (found under the Call for Reviewers at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov/>) to BTOP Reviewers by FAX to 202-501-8009 or PDF to BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov.

NTIA will examine and approve reviewer applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Approved reviewers will be contacted to schedule participation in a webinar orientation session and teleconference panel reviews.

Although there will be no direct reimbursement for your time and expertise, you may be assured that you will be making a significant contribution to enhancing broadband services throughout the United States. We appreciate the valuable contribution you will be making to the success of BTOP and look forward to working with you as a reviewer. If you have questions, please send them by email to: BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov. For additional information, please see <http://www.broadbandusa.gov/>