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TO INTERESTED PARTIES:

We are sending you this letter because you have expressed interest in the broadband study mandated by the 2007 Legislature (UTC docket A-070986) and may wish to respond to the attached RFP or refer it to others. The 2007-2009 state government budget provides funding for the UTC to identify factors preventing the widespread availability and use of broadband technologies. The RFP calls for the collection and interpretation of reliable geographic, demographic, cultural, and telecommunications technology information to identify broadband disparities in the state.

Based on our consultations with stakeholders, including the workshop on September 7, 2007 we have targeted the study on five counties. The UTC plans to report to the legislature in July, 2008 based in large part upon the results of the work done under this RFP.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Will Saunders, Assistant Director, Telecommunications at (360) 664-1245 or wsaunders@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary