

November 30, 2024

Tamarah Holmes, Ph.D., Director
Office of Broadband
Department of Housing and Community Development
600 East Main Street, Suite 300
Richmond, Virginia 23219

RE: Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Letter of Intent

Dear Dr. Holmes

Port 80 Internet Services, LLC (Port 80) appreciates the opportunity to express our intent to seek Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) funding.

Port 80 is a partnership between two firms (Hosted Backbone, LLC and McMichael and McMichael Investigative Services LLC) which was started over seven years ago out of a need to provide broadband in unserved rural areas. Together, these two firms bring our independent specialties together to provide rural broadband services as Port 80 in select areas of Virginia that would otherwise likely still be unserved at this time.

To date, Port 80 has successfully deployed broadband services funded by our own internal investments (since fully repaid), community funding, CARES Act funding, and a VATI grant. We are nimble in our decision making as a regional provider and lack layers of middle management and bureaucracy which allows us to respond quickly, leveraging our sound business practices and intelligent design. We also perform nearly all services in-house or by our affiliated companies which provide the highest level of control and accountability.

Please see the attached list of cities and counties in the Commonwealth in which Port 80 has interest in applying for BEAD. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to let us know.

Evan S. Weiner Managing Member & Co-Owner Keith McMichael Co-Owner

## Attachment List of Cities and Counties of Interest

Accomack	Fauquier	Middlesex
Albemarle	•	
Alexandria	Floyd Fluvanna	Montgomery Nelson
		New Kent
Alleghany Amelia	Franklin County	
	Franklin-City	Newport News
Amherst	Frederick	Norfolk
Appomattox	Fredericksburg	Northampton
Arlington	Galax	Northumberland
Augusta	Giles	Norton
Bath	Gloucester	Nottoway
Bedford	Goochland	Orange
Bland	Grayson	Page
Botetourt	Greene	Patrick
Bristol	Greensville	Petersburg
Brunswick	Halifax	Pittsylvania
Buchanan	Hampton	Poquoson
Buckingham	Hanover	Portsmouth
Buena Vista	Harrisonburg	Powhatan
Campbell	Henrico	Prince Edward
Caroline	Henry	Prince George
Carroll	Highland	Prince William
Charles City	Hopewell	Pulaski
Charlotte	Isle Of Wight	Radford
Charlottesville	James City	Rappahannock
Chesapeake	King And Queen	Richmond
Chesterfield	King George	County
Clarke	King William	Richmond-City
Colonial Heights	Lancaster	Roanoke County
Covington	Lee	Roanoke-City
Craig	Lexington	Rockbridge
Culpeper	Loudoun	Rockingham
Cumberland	Louisa	Russell
Danville	Lunenburg	Salem
Dickenson	Lynchburg	Scott
Dinwiddie	Madison	Shenandoah
Emporia	Manassas	Smyth
Essex	Manassas Park	Southampton
Fairfax	Martinsville	Spotsylvania
Fairfax City	Mathews	Stafford
Falls Church	Mecklenburg	Staunton
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Surry
Sussex
Tazewell
Virginia Beach
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