

Potential Grant Development Project Timeline – 5/15/2009 to 10/23/2009 (as of 5/17/09)

Timeline is based upon an assumption that the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Notice of Funds Availability (NOFA) is issued June 24, 2009. Schedule may be adjusted based upon actual issue date of NOFA.

5/15 - 5/31 – continue to review project possibilities; look at potential partners; work on different project concepts.

6/01- 6/15 – begin to finalize concept, melding as many components/partners as feasible into a cohesive project (or concepts, if it appears that a separate filing for both a NTIA and RUS grant could go forward; two separate grant applications for NTIA funds [perhaps for separate funding opportunities, i.e., public computing and broadband deployment], etc.)

6/16 - 6/23 – outline each concept in detail related to technical approach; project partners and their roles; business, operational and management plan; cost projections; 20% match; sustainability plan; etc.

6/24 – possible NOFA(s) issuance

6/24 - 7/1 – detailed review of NOFA by all involved

7/2 – possible conference call to discuss NOFA, agree on interpretations

7/6 - 7/13 – revamp detailed project outlines to match all criteria in NOFA(s)

7/08 – update MTA Board on activities

7/14 – second conference call to review new detailed outlines, comparison with grant criteria, agree on beginning development of full grant proposal and grant application

7/15 - 7/24 – draft full grant proposal and application; route for edits by all interested parties

7/25 - 7/31 – interested parties review draft proposal and application and provide input and feedback

8/01 - 08/07 – revise grant proposal; prepare for MTA Board package; send to MTA Board

8/12 – meet with MTA Board; receive input and feedback on the grant proposal

8/13 - 8/20 – revise and finalize the grant proposal

8/21 – deliver to NTIA in advance of the deadline

9/01 – follow-up with NTIA, ensure that the application is under review, see if any initial questions

9/15 – follow-up with NTIA, see if any questions, respond to any questions that have been provided

9/30 – same as above

10/15 – potentially same as above

10/23 – receive notification of grant award (hopefully!)