



Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission
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**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING an UNSOLICITED PROPOSAL for EXTENDING
BROADBAND ACCESS in SEVERAL COUNTIES**

WHEREAS, under §§ 56-575.1 *et seq* of the *Code of Virginia*, and Guidelines for the Public-Private Education and Infrastructure Act of 2002 that were adopted by the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC), the TJPDC is authorized to develop and/or operate public-private partnerships for a wide range of qualifying projects; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Telecommunication Initiative (VATI) 2024 grant application period will open this Fall, with applications due in December; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) requires public sector applicants for VATI funding, such as TJPDC, to include a private-sector internet service provider as the co-applicant; and

WHEREAS, a proposal to partner as a co-applicant for the VATI 2024 grant program to provide a qualifying regional project related to fiber network expansion for universal broadband access has been delivered to TJPDC by an Internet Service Provider (ISP) on an unsolicited basis; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project seeks to build off previous proposals that were approved by the Commission to provide families and businesses with access to high-speed broadband internet service; and

WHEREAS, the submitted proposal seeks to identify and serve areas in the Counties of Cumberland, Goochland, Greene, Louisa, Madison, and Powhatan, and possibly others, which are part of the TJPDC's VATI 2022 grant, and which are unserved according to the updated definition of broadband in the VATI 2024 Program Guidelines and Criteria; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission does hereby accept an unsolicited proposal from an ISP for publication and consideration for applying for Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Virginia Telecommunications Initiative (VATI) funds; now, therefore be it further

RESOLVED, that the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission authorizes the Executive Director and TJPDC staff to analyze the unsolicited proposal regarding the specifics, advantages, disadvantages, and the long and short-term costs of the qualifying project.

Adopted this 7th day of September, 2023.

Christine Jacobs, Executive Director
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Ned Gallaway, Commission Chair
Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

Date

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