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Re: Joint RFI–Broadband Initiatives Program and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program – USDA-RUS-BIP/Commerce-NTIA-BTOP: Joint Request for Information (RIN: 0572-ZA01/RIN: 0660-ZA28; Docket Number: 0907141137-91375-05)

Dear Administrator Adelstein and Assistant Secretary Strickling:

Please find attached the Great Plains Tribal Chairman's Association (GPTCA) comments on the Joint Request for Information on the Broadband Initiatives Program and Broadband Technologies Opportunities Program.

Tribal leaders have been meeting with USDA and the Department of Commerce for several months now on these issues. We are very hopeful to finally see some substantive changes before the next round of broadband funding. Please do not hesitate to contact me or the GPTCA Executive Director A. Gay Kingman (605-484-3036 or e-mail: GPTCA@Yahoo.com) with any additional questions.



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