Executive Summary

Wireless Access Network Inc. (WAN) intends to secure grant funding for the purpose of providing telecommunication services to unserved and underserved rural areas. WAN is a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier which will utilize currently owned licensed LMDS spectrum to provide services. WAN owns (6) A-Band LMDS licenses which were obtained in the FCC auction #17 on 3/25/1998 when it was a partnership named LMDS Ltd for approximately $1.4 mil. The markets are known as BTA’s; 107 Daytona; 151 Fort Myers; 152 Ft. Pierce; 289 Melbourne-Titusvill; 313 Naples; 408 Sarasota.

WAN has identified three main LMDS equipment manufacturers Hughes Network Systems, DragonWave, and Ceragon. The low powered microwave equipment typically operates within a 3-5 mile radius between points or points to multi-points. A central connection location or HUB is established for a specific targeted region and the telecommunication service is extended out to cover the service area using multiple points. Additionally, the model may include non-licensed and additionally licensed spectrum at extension points.

WAN has been in communication with other telecommunication providers which happen to also be grant applicants to establish partnerships between companies. The intention is to expand upon existing networks to unserved and underserved areas as well as potentially providing redundant telecommunications in cases of emergencies within the State of Florida.

The LMDS spectrum obtained in 1998 from the FCC had a 10 year build out deadline. An application for extension was submitted and a 4 year restricted extension was granted. It is necessary for WAN to satisfy it’s build out extended deadline before the deadline to maintain ownership of the 6 licenses. Our organization is in need of grant funding to have the capabilities to build out the service areas and satisfy the FCC requirements.

Our organization is open to partnerships, collaborations, and specific recommendations by the NTIA for the purpose of expanding broadband telecommunications services within our country. We respectfully request approval of our grant application to utilize the existing unused licensed spectrum.

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