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Subject: Recommendation for Starlink as a Cost-Effective and Ready Solution

Hello,

As we continue to explore viable options for extending high-speed internet access to the most remote and challenging locations, I wanted to highlight the potential of Starlink as a cost-effective and technologically ready solution.

While fiber remains the gold standard for reliable broadband, it is not always economically feasible in the most difficult-to-reach areas. The recent NTIA guidance acknowledges this and suggests alternative technologies, such as Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellite services like Starlink, as viable options when fiber deployment is prohibitively expensive.

Starlink meets the BEAD program's speed and latency requirements, making it a reliable alternative for providing high-speed internet in remote locations. Additionally, Starlink's readiness and ongoing deployment across the country position it as a strong candidate for funding consideration.

Given the economic and logistical challenges of deploying fiber in these areas, I recommend considering Starlink for projects where it offers a practical and immediate solution. Not only does it meet the necessary technical specifications, but it also aligns with the BEAD program's goals of connecting underserved communities efficiently and affordably.

Thank you,

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