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CLIENT UPDATE
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**UPDATE: Cinnamon Mueller Providing Application Assistance
to Operators Seeking NTIA/RUS Broadband Stimulus Grant Funds**

As part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Congress allocated \$7.2 billion to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) for the purpose of distributing grants to spur broadband deployment throughout the nation.

Comments in response to NTIA and RUS's March 12, 2009 joint request for comments relating to all aspects of the broadband stimulus grant process were due on April 13, 2009.

The grants will be awarded on a competitive basis, with published selection and evaluation criteria. NTIA plans to issue funds in three separate rounds, with the initial funding round to commence between April and June of this year. Additionally, we expect that RUS will issue its first "notice of funds availability" within the next 60 to 90 days.

Due to the strict time limitations Congress has imposed on the distribution of NTIA and RUS funds, it is vitally important for companies to begin preparing for the application process.

On behalf of ACA, Cinnamon Mueller has participated in NTIA and RUS public meetings, and drafted responses to the NTIA and RUS joint request for comments. We are uniquely situated to assist companies applying for grants.

If you have questions about the NTIA and RUS broadband stimulus grants or the application process, please call Bruce Beard at (636) 778-0646, Jeremy Kissel at (202) 609-7793, or Heidi Schmid at (312) 372-3930.

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