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Ariane Schmidt
Broadlinc Executive Director
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Dear Ariane Schmidt,

This letter confirms Snohomish County's desire to enter a broadband technical partnership with Broadlinc, a public development authority that acts on behalf of Spokane County for all things broadband-related. We believe by working together we can maximize the benefits of the broadband technical assistance funds appropriated by the State Legislature to the Department of Commerce, which are being managed by the Washington State Association of Counties.

Our goal remains to provide affordable, reliable, high-speed internet access throughout Snohomish County; however, we recognize that all Washingtonians deserve equitable access to this service. We share the state's desire to improve internet speeds to our residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions because we know that in modern society broadband has become as important as electricity.

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration's Broadband Equity and Deployment (BEAD) Program offers us an opportunity to make great strides toward these goals. Our staff has enjoyed working with Broadlinc staff throughout the BEAD process and we think continuing this work through a joint application for the technical assistance funding will allow us to build upon the existing collaboration and be better positioned for the upcoming BEAD project area applications.

Sincerely,



Jared Mead
Council Chair



Dave Somers
County Executive

cc: Council Vice-Chair Nate Nehring
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