



STATE OF MINNESOTA

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Mr. Lawrence E. Strickling
Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information
U.S. Department of Commerce
National Telecommunications and Information Administration
Herbert C. Hoover Building (HCHB)
U.S. Department of Commerce/NTIA
1401 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20230

Dear Secretary Strickling:

This letter serves to affirm that Connected Nation, Inc., by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary Connect Minnesota, LLC, is the State of Minnesota's designated eligible entity under the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program pursuant to P.L. 110-385 and the Broadband Data Improvement Act [Section 106, subsection (i)(2)(B)] to receive a grant under this Program. The application filed by Connected Nation demonstrates how the state, including the Minnesota Department of Commerce, the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and the Minnesota Geospatial Office, will be collaborating on the mapping and mapping planning efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Pawlenty".

Tim Pawlenty
Governor

Cc: Commissioner Glen Wilson, Minnesota Department of Commerce
Commissioner Dan McElroy, Minnesota Department of Employment and
Economic Development