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Chad Bolling

Broadband Manager

Wyoming Business Council BEAD Grant Committee

241 W. 15th Street, Cheyenne, WY 82002

Subject: Letter of Support for funding Mountain West Technologies BEAD Grant Application

Dear Mr. Boling,

I am writing this letter to express my support for Mountain West Technologies grant request for projects that will provide affordable access to high-speed broadband to the Town of Saratoga. I believe that this project will play a crucial role in bridging the digital divide in our state and creating opportunities for both residential and business users.

The proposed project to reach an estimated 300 homes and businesses is commendable and addresses a pressing need for improved connectivity across Wyoming. As the world becomes increasingly reliant on digital technologies, access to reliable and high-speed internet is essential for education, healthcare, business growth, and overall quality of life.

I am thrilled that the program's emphasis is on implementing fiber optic infrastructure, which offers a future-proof and scalable solution. By investing in fiber optic infrastructure, the proposed Mountain West project ensures that the benefits of this initiative will be sustained for years to come. We also appreciate MWT commitment to bolster its existing network which will allow current customers to increase bandwidth as needed and potentially serve additional residents and businesses.

The completion deadline of December, 2028, ensures that Wyoming residents and businesses will start reaping the benefits of improved internet access within a reasonable timeframe.

This project will foster economic growth, attract new businesses, and enhance the overall competitiveness of Wyoming in the global market.

In conclusion, I support the Mountain West Technologies grant request for projects for Saratoga and urge the Grant Committee to approve and fund this vital program. The impact of this program will be far-reaching, creating a positive and transformative change in the lives of thousands of residents and businesses throughout the state.

Thank you for considering my input and for your dedication to enhancing connectivity in Wyoming. If you require any additional information or support, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Sincerely,

Mayor Chuck Davis