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Rural Community Development Branch

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Dear James Timlin:

Rural Connections Broadband Program (Rural Connections)

As you may recall, on June 26, 2008, the Government of Ontario launched the Rural Connections Broadband Program, a multi-million, four-year initiative designed to reduce broadband infrastructure gaps in underserved rural regions in southern Ontario. Rural Connections leverages broadband infrastructure investment from private-sector businesses and public partners and has a positive impact on citizens/businesses by enhancing economic development and improving access to public services such as e-learning, e-health and e-government.

To date, we have had two successful application Intakes. Today, we are pleased to launch the final round of applications, Intake Three. **The submission deadline is 5:00 pm on Thursday July 8, 2010.**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs welcomes applications from municipalities in rural south-western and central Ontario working with community stakeholders and other partners, including applicable First Nations, to develop and implement a plan designed to improve broadband accessibility in rural areas.

The province invites representatives of eligible municipalities to attend one of two general information sessions that are designed to provide applicable municipalities with a practical, concrete review of the application form and guidelines.



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The details of the sessions are as follows:

Monday May 31, 2010, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Enterprise Brant

330 West Street, Unit 10

Brantford, Ontario

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Phone number: (519) 752-4636

Tuesday June 1, 2010, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

North Durham Police Station (Community Room)

15765 Hwy. 12 (south of Reach Rd.),

Port Perry, Ontario

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Phone number: (905) 579-1520

Wednesday June 2, 2010, 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm

WebEx Session. Access details will be provided upon confirmation with Doug Maddock.

Please contact Doug Maddock, Broadband Coordinator at 519-826-6634 or 1-888-466-2372, ext. 66634 to confirm your attendance or for support in completing your application.

Additional information is also available at www.ontario.ca/rural or from the information line, 1-888-588-4111.

Thank you for your anticipated interest and support in this worthwhile initiative.



Barb Swartzentruber
Manager,
Broadband Programs

c. Mr. Doug Maddock, Broadband Coordinator, Western Region