

Commerce to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

*Executive Order 12866:* This funding notice was determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

*Executive Order 13132 (Federalism):* It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

*Executive Order 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs)*

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

*Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act:* Notice and comment are not required under the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553 (a)). Because notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553, or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*

*Reporting:* Successful finalists will be required to submit, on a semi-annual basis, for the periods ending March 31 and September 30 of each year, a technical progress report and a SF-269, Financial Status Report. From time to time, and in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Requirements and other terms and conditions governing the award, the recipient may need to submit property and patent reports.

*Anticipated Announcement and Award Date*

NIST plans to make awards by September 20, 2010.

Dated: March 18, 2010.

**Marc G. Stanley,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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### Broadband Technology Opportunities Program

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Funds Availability; Extension of Application Closing Deadline for Comprehensive Community Infrastructure (CCI) Projects.

**SUMMARY:** NTIA announces that the new application closing deadline for the electronic submission of CCI projects under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) is extended until 10 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on March 26, 2010.

**DATES:** All applications for funding CCI projects must be submitted electronically by 10 p.m. EDT on March 26, 2010. There is no change to the filing deadline for applicants seeking a waiver of the electronic filing requirement. For CCI applicants wishing to apply in another format (e.g., paper), NTIA must **receive** the application and waiver request by 5 p.m. EDT on March 26, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The CCI application package for electronic submission is available at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>. See supplementary information for more details.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For general inquiries regarding BTOP, contact Anthony Wilhelm, Director, BTOP, Office of Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, HCHB, Room 4887, Washington, DC, 20230; Help Desk email: [BroadbandUSA@usda.gov](mailto:BroadbandUSA@usda.gov), Help Desk telephone: 1-877-508-8364.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 22, 2010, NTIA published a Notice of Funds Availability and Solicitation of Applications (Second NOFA) in the **Federal Register** announcing general policy and application procedures for the second round of BTOP funding. (75 FR 3792, Jan. 22, 2010). In the Second NOFA, NTIA required all applicants to submit their applications electronically through an online application system at <http://www.broadbandusa.gov>.

[www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov). (75 FR at 3805). NTIA established an application window for BTOP projects from February 16, 2010 at 8 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) through March 15, 2010 at 5 p.m. EDT (Application Closing Deadline). On March 3, 2010, NTIA announced the extension of the Application Closing Deadline for CCI projects under BTOP until 5 p.m. EDT on March 26, 2010. (75 FR 10464, Mar. 8, 2010).

NTIA announces this extension in the Application Closing Deadline for CCI projects in the interest of ensuring that BTOP funding is made available in the most equitable manner. The complexity of preparing an infrastructure application requires applicants to offer proposals that are truly comprehensive in scope. NTIA recognizes that applicants may need the full business day on Friday, March 26, 2010, to finalize their proposals. To accommodate applicants in time zones other than the Eastern Time zone, NTIA will extend the filing deadline by five hours to Friday, March 26, 2010, at 10 p.m. EDT. All other requirements for electronic submissions set forth in the Second NOFA remain unchanged.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database now, begin uploading large .pdf files when they are complete, and submit their application as early as possible. Note, however, that an early submission will not confer any advantage or priority in review.

Dated: March 19, 2010.

**Lawrence E. Strickling,**

*Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

### Effect on Propane Consumers of the Propane Education and Research Council's Operations, Market Changes and Federal Programs

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is seeking public comment on whether the operation of the Propane Education and Research Council (PERC), in conjunction with the cumulative effects of market changes and Federal programs, has had an effect