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**New York State to Receive \$2.5 Million in Federal Funding for
Broadband Mapping Program**

New York State will receive approximately \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funding for broadband mapping and planning activities, which will enable the mapping of New York's un-served and underserved areas to facilitate deployment of high-speed Internet access across the State, increase digital literacy programs, and spur economic development. The funding is through the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA).

"Providing access to broadband for all New Yorkers is a key component in our State's economic viability," said Governor David A. Paterson. "I'm so pleased that with this funding, we will be able to identify existing gaps and prioritize funding for broadband access and adoption through better data collection and planning."

New York State is the largest NTIA awardee to-date under the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program. Approximately \$2 million is for broadband data collection and mapping activities over a two-year period and \$500,000 for broadband planning activities over a five-year period.

Governor Paterson designated the New York State Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination (CSCIC) as the lead agency for the Broadband Mapping program in New York State. CSCIC will deploy state-of-the-art geographic information systems tools to ensure the efficient delivery of high quality data.

"Through Governor Paterson's leadership, we have made tremendous progress in closing the gap to access broadband technology," said William Pelgrin, CSCIC Director. "CSCIC

will be leveraging a wealth of GIS data and expertise to complete this project and we look forward to the continued collaboration among our State agency and private sector partners.” CSCIC is working with the Governor’s Broadband Development and Deployment Council, the State Chief Information Officer’s Office, the State’s Public Service Commission, the NYS Foundation for Science, Technology, and Innovation as well as local governments. Additionally, CSCIC has developed strategic partnerships with the private sector broadband community to solicit input on the program and provide flexible options for provider participation.

New York State Chief Information Officer and Director of the Office for Technology Dr. Melodie Mayberry-Stewart said, “We are very pleased with the \$2.5 million federal award that will help advance New York’s broadband data collection and mapping activities. Overcoming the digital divide to become a national and global leader for broadband availability, capacity, and adoption will be challenging given New York’s diverse topography, population, and range of needs among citizens. The mapping activities will help ensure broadband networks are widely deployed, affordable and accessible to all New Yorkers. I look forward to working with our partner agency CSCIC and the New York State Broadband Development and Deployment Council to achieve our State’s broadband vision.”

CSCIC will work with broadband providers to aggregate the data on broadband availability in the State and to map the “backbone” infrastructure connection points. CSCIC will also provide program support for the Broadband Stimulus Program Office and will be supporting several activities including studies on the barriers to broadband adoption and the requirements for industrial level broadband connections to support businesses in New York.

The funding from the Broadband Data and Development Grant Program will enable CSCIC to fulfill the NTIA requirements for New York’s portion of the national broadband map while also supporting important broadband policy work within New York State.

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