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ConnectME Authority  
Phillip Lindley, Executive Director  
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**ConnectME Seventh Grant Round  
Pre-Application Letter**

Dear Mr. Lindley:

The Town of St Albans is pleased to submit their pre-application letter for the ConnectME Grant.

- 1. A description of the area proposed to be served by the project with a strong indication that it is an un-served area;**

The Town of St Albans partnered with Time Warner Cable proposes to install high speed broadband infrastructure in the Ripley Road/Rand Hill Target Area of St Albans, which is an un-served rural area. The project consists of installing 4.19 miles of cable infrastructure passing thirty-seven residences.

- 2. A description of the communications with nearby incumbent or existing broadband service providers for current and future plans for expansion in the proposed project area;**

Applicant is not aware of any nearby or incumbent broadband service providers that offer broadband service in the proposed grant area.

- 3. A description of the proposed project, including: the type of service to be provided, indicating the technology used; the estimated upstream and downstream speeds of the service to be provided; and an estimate of the time required to complete the proposed project;**

Time Warner Cable provides high speed fiber optics with hybrid coaxial cable technology to transmit broadband service and offers wireless home networking services. Download speeds in excess of 3Mbps will be available to customers, and upload speeds in excess of 1Mbps will be available. Project will be completed within twelve months of ConnectME Grant Award.

**4. The total amount of funding requested from the Authority;**

\$73,430

**5. The applicant's financial capability and commitment to the project in addition to the funding requested from the Authority and other funding sources;**

Grant will be leveraged with a \$9,250 Time Warner Cable contribution towards construction costs.

**6. The percentage of households in the un-served area that will have access to the new service and the estimated number of customers who will benefit from the project who are currently un-served;**

100% of the thirty-seven residences who are currently un-served will directly benefit from the project.

**7. Public-private partnerships that have been established and an indication of community support for the proposed project; and**

The Town of St Albans & Time Warner Cable have partnered for the past fifteen years providing services to the community. Residents in the target area submitted a petition in June 2011 to begin this process. A letter of support has been submitted from a business owner in the target area and the Board of Selectmen have written and signed a letter in support of the project.

**8. A description of the applicant's experience relevant to the proposed project.**

Time Warner Cable has over fifteen years experience in providing broadband services nationwide, and serves over 250 communities in the State of Maine alone.

Thank you for your time and consideration. My contact information is listed in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely,

*Rhonda L. Stark*

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