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URGENT: Please Support ATMC'S Project to Bring Faster Internet to Your Community

DEAR PENDER COUNTY BUSINESS OWNER:

ATMC, a communications company based in Shallotte, NC, is seeking your support to secure federal grant funds needed to expand high speed internet service into your community over a 100% fiber optic broadband network. The federal government is making grant funds available for the purpose of providing broadband internet to unserved and underserved rural areas like yours, but competition for these funds is intense, so we need your support.

ATMC needs your help to secure the grant funds necessary to bring faster internet to your community. We ask that you complete the pre-subscription form and submit a letter of support for this project by detailing the need for faster internet service for your business and your family, both will be included in our grant application and will show your willingness to support ATMC in this endeavor. **There is no obligation to take service if ATMC is able to win grant funds.**

ATMC recently received a \$1 million-dollar grant from the NC GREAT Grant Program to serve residents and businesses in the Columbus County Community of Beaverdam, ATMC also contributed half a million dollars to the project. Additionally, in December of 2019, ATMC won a \$7.9 million-dollar USDA ReConnect Grant to serve over 4,000 Columbus County homes in the rural areas near Tabor City, Hallsboro, Bolton, Lake Waccamaw, and areas north of Whiteville. ATMC will match the USDA grant dollar-for-dollar for a total investment of \$16 million dollars. Our success in obtaining these grant funds wouldn't have been possible without the support of business owners, residents, educators and community leaders in these areas.

Enclosed, you will find a pre-subscription form and sample recommendation letter you can use as a guide. Please complete the form and return both the form and your letter of support to ATMC via email to: Please send your letter of support to ATMC via email to: FasterPender@atmc.com, or by mail to: ATMC, Attn: Faster Pender Project, P.O. Box 3198, Shallotte, NC 28459.

The deadline for turning in applications is tight, so we ask that you return your letter to ATMC by **Friday, February 7th, 2020**. If you have questions or need more information, please feel free to reach out to me at 910-755-1677. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Victoria Bellamy

Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator
ATMC

To Whom It May Concern:

I support ATMC in their efforts to obtain the grant funds necessary to build a fiber optic network capable of bringing faster internet services to residents and businesses of Pender County, NC. High speed internet opens the door of possibility for communication, education, commerce and more. We have been put at a great disadvantage for far too long.

As a local business owner, I know that access to high speed internet is essential in attracting new business to our area and retaining existing business. High speed internet allows businesses to utilize cloud-based programs and applications and offers more efficiency and reliability for business owners. By bringing fiber optic service to more areas of Pender County, small rural businesses would have greater opportunity to blossom in our community.

ATMC has a proven reputation for providing fast, reliable internet service to rural households in Brunswick and Columbus Counties. ATMC's fiber optic high speed internet services will allow thousands of Pender County families like mine to finally have adequate access to twenty-first century technology.

Thank you for your consideration of Pender County for grant funding.

Sincerely,

Name:

Address:

ReConnect Program Broadband Pre-subscription Form for Businesses

ATMC is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect Program. If successful, this funding will allow ATMC to bring broadband service to your location. If you are interested in receiving broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	____ Internet ____ Landline Phone ____ Cell Phone ____ Video ____ Other (specify)
2. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$ ____ Internet \$ ____ Landline Phone \$ ____ Cell Phone \$ ____ Video \$ ____ Other (specify)

3. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	<input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 25 Mbps downstream, but at least 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 100 Mbps downstream, but at least 25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
4. What broadband speed would you need to meet your farm or business needs?	<input type="checkbox"/> < 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 25 Mbps downstream, but at least 10 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> < 100 Mbps downstream, but at least 25 Mbps downstream <input type="checkbox"/> 100 Mbps downstream or above <input type="checkbox"/> I don't know
5. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from ATMC?*	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> No
6. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	<input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Phone call <input type="checkbox"/> Mailer

*This Pre-subscription form is not a binding commitment made by ATMC.

Respondent Contact Information

Owner Name:	Phone Number:
	Email Address:
Business Name:	Address:
	City, State, Zip Code:

Respondent Signature: _____ Date: _____