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Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA),
Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program, NTIA-CMCCP-2021

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UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest for the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program (CMCCP). The purpose of CMCCP is to provide federal funding to eligible recipients in anchor communities: for the purchase of broadband internet access service or any eligible equipment, or to hire and train information technology personnel; to facilitate educational instruction and learning, including through remote instruction; to operate an MBE; or to operate a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Through the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program, NTIA will directly address the lack of broadband access, connectivity, adoption and equity at our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs), and Minority- Serving Institutions (MSIs), and in their surrounding anchor communities. Accordingly, Congress has directed NTIA to provide grants to HBCUs, TCUs, and MSIs to facilitate educational instruction and learning, including through remote instruction; and to consortia including MBEs or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organizations to operate that MBE or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. Eligible recipients may use grant funds to: (1) purchase broadband internet access service, including the installation or upgrade of broadband facilities on a one- time, capital improvement, basis to increase or expand broadband capacity and/or connectivity at the eligible institution; (2) purchase or lease eligible equipment and devices for student or patron use, subject to any restrictions and prohibited uses; and (3) hire and train information technology personnel who are a part of the eligible anchor institution, MBE, or tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization.

Please see the [full program announcement](#) for more details.

Full Proposal Deadline (due by 11:59 p.m. EST): December 1, 2021

This is a limited competition. Organizations are restricted to submitting only one proposal for this solicitation. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, please email a statement of interest with a tentative title, a brief project description (200 words), and names and departments of all senior personnel by **noon, September 10, 2021** to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: NTIA CMCCP – your name. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals. No late submissions will be considered.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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