



# Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium

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October 31, 2012

Ms. Angel Ahsam  
CASF Consortia Grant Coordinator  
California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)  
505 Van Ness Avenue, Floor 3  
San Francisco, CA 94012-3214

Dear Ms. Ahsam,

The Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium respectfully submits its request to renew funding for the second year of our California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) based upon the progress made in our first year as summarized below:

## **Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium (IERBC) Year One Summary**

1. IERBC finalized its CPUC CASF Grant Funding Agreement. This included a change in the IERBC Fiscal Agent to SmartRiverside approved by the CPUC on September 27, 2012.

Note: This Fiscal Agent change was due to the fact that due to the California Statewide elimination of Redevelopment Agency funding, the IERBC's initial Fiscal Agent, the San Bernardino Economic Development Corporation, is no longer in operation.

2. The Chair of the IERBC Executive Committee is Steve Reneker, Executive Director of Smart Riverside, and the IERBC Consortium Manager is Martha van Rooijen of MVR Consulting.
3. IERBC Executive Committee met, and will meet, each quarter to go over its work plan and budget.
4. Although IERBC got a late start in Year One due to the need to change its Fiscal Agent, the consortium submitted an updated Work Plan and Budget to the CPUC CASF Consortia Grant Coordinator showing that the tasks planned for Year One will be done during its first year.

Note: IERBC Year Two and Three Work Plan and Budget remain on track as planned.



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5. IERBC established its website, [www.iebroadband.com](http://www.iebroadband.com); and has kept the site up-to-date related to IERBC activities and has linked it to the CPUC CASF Calendar.
6. The IERBC Kick-off Meeting was on October 3, 2012 at the Mission Inn in Riverside, California. The meeting had high attendance with 38 consortium members participating. CPUC officials Angel Ahsam presented information about the CASF program, and Rob Osborn demonstrated the CPUC's Interactive Broadband Map. In addition, the Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium presented an update on their region's progress, including the Digital 395 project.
7. IERBC held a focused meeting on October 22, 2012 to identify and develop potential projects in the region for submittal by CPUC approved broadband providers to Round two of the CASF Broadband Infrastructure Grant fund by February 1, 2012. The IERB Consortium Manager is following up on the details related to the potential projects discussed at this meeting.
8. IERBC plans to implement the next steps in its Year One Work Plan and Budget to meet its first year goals, which includes community outreach, participation at the annual CPUC Consortia Learning Summit meeting developing an IERBC Broadband Infrastructure and Access Plan with a Project Priority List (PPL) for the region.
9. IERBC is making no changes to its Year Two and Year Three Work Plans and Budgets. However, IERBC will continue to work cooperatively with the CPUC CASF Consortia Grant Coordinator to discuss and implement revisions as needed to its Work Plan and Budget over the life of the CASF grant program.

If you need additional information, please contact me at (951) 845-4391, or by email at [martha@mvrconsulting.com](mailto:martha@mvrconsulting.com).

Thank you for providing our region with the opportunity to be part of the CPUC CASF Consortia Grant Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Van Rooijen".

Martha van Rooijen  
IERBC Manager

cc: Steve Reneker, SmartRiverside, Executive Director (IERBC Fiscal Agent)