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**Call for Reviewers**  
**Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

Help America Advance its National Objective of Broadband Access for All

The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) of the U.S. Department of Commerce is soliciting volunteers to serve as panelists to evaluate grant proposals for the \$4.7 billion Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP), an important part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

NTIA is accepting applications for its first round of BTOP grants from July 14, 2009 until August 14, 2009, and will conduct panel reviews through at least the end of September, 2009. As a reviewer, your evaluations will be an important factor considered by NTIA in determining whether to award grant funding. To be considered as a reviewer you must have significant expertise and experience in at least one of the following areas: 1) the design, funding, construction, and operation of broadband networks or public computer centers; 2) broadband-related outreach, training, or education; and 3) innovative programs to increase the demand for broadband services. In addition you must agree to comply with Department of Commerce policies on conflict of interest and confidentiality.

We are committed to ensuring that reviewers come from diverse backgrounds and areas of the United States. Please feel free to circulate this "Call for Reviewers" to other individuals or organizations that may be sources of qualified reviewers.

To apply to be a panel reviewer for BTOP, please email a resume containing the information below to [BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov):

- Name
- Residence (city and state)
- Email/phone number
- Employer
- Position/Title
- Years and types of experience and positions in fields related to BTOP activities

NTIA will examine and approve reviewer applications on a first-come, first-served basis. Approved reviewers will be contacted to schedule participation in a webinar orientation session and teleconference panel reviews.

Although there will be no direct reimbursement for your time and expertise, you may be assured that you will be making a significant contribution to enhancing broadband services throughout the United States. We appreciate the valuable contribution you will be making to the success of BTOP and look forward to working with you as a reviewer. If you have questions, please send them by email to: [BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:BTOPReviewers@ntia.doc.gov). For additional information, please see <http://www.broadbandusa.gov/>