

To all County Directors of Equalizations:

The South Dakota Bureau of Information & Telecommunications recently received a grant from the federal Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). http://www.ntia.doc.gov/press/2010/BTOP_SBDD_09272010.html. The purpose of the grant is to gather information about broadband technology (Internet Speeds) in South Dakota, document its availability, and promote its use throughout South Dakota.

This grant funds many activities but the ones I'd like to highlight include:

- Map broadband services across South Dakota. What technologies are available, where is it available and speeds available.
- Technical Assistance and Computer Ownership programs. Provide on-site technology assistance to what are defined as "Community Anchor Institutions" (CAIs). CAIs include schools, city & county governments and law enforcement entities. Part of this program includes the availability of technology grants to improve the technology infrastructures of CAIs. This program may be of interest to you as it gets better defined!
- Finally - create a statewide Address point database. The purpose of this letter is to ask for your assistance specific to this need.

We believe that with county support we can create the most up-to-date and accurate Address Point dataset. If we are able to collect an effective address dataset with an upgrade process included, we think it will have far reaching implications beyond this project. This project will use the address points to confirm broadband technology availability but the uses of the dataset include public safety, transportation and hopefully your own Equalization needs. In order to do this we are conducting an initial survey to identify the level of support counties will be able to participate.

We've identified several levels of information that would be valuable. Here are those categories of addresses we are pursuing:

- ___ County Maintained Address Points
- ___ Parcel Polygon's with Situs1 Addresses
- ___ CAMA dump of all properties with situs1 address
- ___ Master address file for all businesses and residences in the county
- ___ Road Centerlines with Address Ranges

Can you please review the above categories and check any or all that you would be able to offer? BIT will work with each county individually to work on the specific steps to deliver the data sets. We would like to have all Directors of Equalization respond to this e-mail to determine the level of participation you may be willing to offer.

BIT also has an opportunity to compensate participating counties that are able to provide qualifying data. This direct compensation can occur through a financial grant and through services in our technical assistance program identified above. We understand that gathering the data has costs associated with it and are willing to provide a stipend towards that.

Additionally, the value of having an accurate statewide address file has tremendous, far reaching value to all levels of government. We are hoping to include all applicable parties to create the best dataset possible. So far our participants include South Dakota Department of Revenue, South Dakota Department of Transportation, and South Dakota One Call.

Please feel free to contact me at at 605.773.6701.

Thank you very much for your time and hopefully your future cooperation.

/s

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1. Situs Address: The proper or original position of a specific location. An element that designates a fixed site, such as the address of a property or building. Street address or 911 address.