Program Title: **Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**
Innovative Programs for Adoption of Broadband

Short Description: Programs to encourage sustainable adoption of broadband service.

ARRA Appropriation nationwide: $250,000,000

Estimated New Hampshire Funds: Unknown – competitive application process

Granting Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA"), U.S. Department of Commerce

Applying Agency: N.H. Department of Resources and Economic Development ("DRED")

Status: Awaiting NTIA grant announcement with criteria and deadlines.

Award Criteria: Not yet announced by NTIA.

Time Line for use: Preference to activities that can be started and completed expeditiously, including a goal of using at least 50 percent of the funds for activities that can be initiated not later than 120 days after the date of the enactment of this Act. Recipients shall also use grant funds in a manner that maximizes job creation and economic benefit. ARRA, Sec 1602.

Details: ARRA - page 14.

DRED and University System of New Hampshire are collaborating on conceptual proposals and plan to adopt a unified New Hampshire proposal.

DRED is considering opportunities to link regions within NH and to connect with neighboring states. DRED is also looking at existing projects (e.g., Wireless Link) and more shovel ready projects that result in an impact to the availability of broadband service to end-users in New Hampshire.

- U.S. Department of Commerce recover website:
  - http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/index.htm