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Via Email

Martha van Rooijen, Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium
Steve Massa, City of Riverside
Jennifer Hilber, County of San Bernardino
Tom Mullen II, County of Riverside

RE: 2019 CENIC Innovations in Networking Award for Broadband Applications

Dear Martha, Steve, Jennifer, and Tom:

The CENIC Innovations in Networking Awards recognize exemplary people, projects, and organizations that leverage high-bandwidth networking. I am pleased to inform you that you have been selected to receive the 2019 Award for Broadband Applications in recognition of your work to provide internet access to communities in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

As a result of your efforts, barriers to internet connectivity are being overcome in rural California towns that have historically been hard to reach due to obstacles created by geography and lack of broadband infrastructure. These towns are now being connected to broadband networks, enabling them to fully participate in the 21st-century economy and digital world. Because of your farsighted planning, rural communities will have the infrastructure necessary to increase capacity in the future when needed.

Implementing key strategies such as sharing best practices through regional councils of government, promoting “Smart Cities,” and supporting municipal broadband projects have made Inland Empire a model for other broadband consortia to emulate. Inland Empire is helping to close the educational, cultural, and economic gap between communities that have access to affordable, reliable high-speed internet and those that don’t. Your advocacy is ensuring that all residents have access to the information and tools they need to succeed.

I hope you can join us for the awards presentation on Tuesday, March 19, at 11:15 AM with lunch to follow in the La Jolla Ballroom of the Estancia Hotel during CENIC’s annual conference in San Diego.

Please contact Lee Ann Weber (lweber@cenic.org) with any questions about the award, attending the award presentation and lunch, or the conference.

On behalf of the CENIC community, congratulations and thank you for all you do.

Sincerely,



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