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Ms. LaDonna Harris
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Americans for Indian Opportunity
681 Jumper Hill Road
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Dear LaDonna:

The Cherokee Nation is pleased to be a Consortium Member in this proposal to better enable tribes to access information on the universal highway. As a Consortium Member, the Cherokee Nation will be an active and integral participant in the planning process on how tribes can better to access information.

Americans for Indian Opportunity recognizes the need for tribes to be part of the National Telecommunications Infrastructure. For the past several years, AIO has worked with federal agencies and tribal governments to ensure that tribes participate in this very important initiative. AIO has established INDIANnet, an Indian owned and operated civic computer network that is dedicated to developing free public access to electronic information and communication services for Native Americans. AIO and INDIANnet work with tribes to avoid electronic colonialism and empower tribes and all native peoples to be active participants in the information age.

We look forward to working with you in the development of this important program for Indian country.

Sincerely,

Wilma P. Mankiller
Principal Chief