

**Date:** February 2, 2010

**To:** Florida Public Service Commission  
Florida Department of Revenue

**From:** Patrick Lien, North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA) System Manager

**RE:** Notice of Intent to Provide Wireless Middle Mile Internet Access and Data Transport Services

Pursuant to Section 350.81, Florida Statutes, please be advised that the North Florida Broadband Authority, a single purpose governmental entity established by Interlocal Agreement pursuant to Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, by and through its Board of Directors, proposes to offer for compensation and provide wireless Middle Mile Internet Access and Data Transport Services in a 14 county region inclusive of the following Counties: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor, and Union, beginning May 1, 2010. A copy of the notice to be published according to said statute at least 30 days before the first hearing is attached hereto and made a part hereof. Please post and provide this notice as provided by law. The mailing and physical address of the office of the Board of Directors is 1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250, Tallahassee, FL 32308, telephone number 850-681-3717; fax number 850-224-7206. The Authority website is [www.nfba-fl.org](http://www.nfba-fl.org) and the General Manager is Robert Sheets. Any interested person who wishes to attend may do so, and be heard at the public hearings.

**The date, time and location for both public hearings will be as follows:**

**March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 10 AM & April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 2 PM**

**Suwannee River Water Management District Office  
9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060.**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
**For Notice of Intent to Provide Wireless Middle Mile Internet Access and Data Transport Services**

The North Florida Broadband Authority ("NFBA") announces two public hearings to which all interested persons are invited. The NFBA is a legal entity and public body created pursuant to the provisions of provisions of Section 163.01, Florida Statutes, and an Interlocal Agreement among: Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lafayette, Levy, Madison, Putnam, Suwannee, Taylor and Union Counties and municipalities of Cedar Key, Cross City, Lake City, Live Oak, Monticello, Perry, White Springs and Worthington Springs, Florida. **The first public hearing will be held at 10:00 AM ET on March 16, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The Public Hearing will be continued to March 17, 2010 at 2:00 pm ET at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The second public hearing will be held at 2:00 PM ET on April 16, 2010 at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060. The Public Hearing will be continued to April 21, 2010 at 2:00 pm ET at the Suwannee River Water Management District Office, 9225 County Road 49, Live Oak, Florida 32060.** The public hearings are being held to accept comments from the public and dealers of communications services prior to the NFBA Board of Directors making a determination to provide broadband middle mile and data transport communications services within the 14 county NFBA service area as required by Section 350.81, Florida Statutes. All interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard and to file written comments with the NFBA. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the NFBA Board Clerk at (877) 552-3482, at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the hearing.

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