

NEW MEXICO



STATE LIBRARY

**Special Provision Certification  
For  
Broadband Technology Opportunities Program**

In state Fiscal year 2009 and 2010 New Mexico budget request instructions provided by the New Mexico Department of Finance and Administration have required that all budget requests remain flat. Flat means zero dollar growth, which may translate as an actual budget reduction because of expenditure growth due to cost and population increases. The State Library, as all New Mexico state government divisions, was required to adhere to this requirement. And, in state Fiscal Year 2009 all budgets were cut by 5%. Because of existing economic conditions it is expected that the same or greater cut will be implemented in Fiscal year 2010 across all state divisions.

The New Mexico State Library has not applied for this type of funding before because the ability to get funding for even our basic core function has been reduced. Because of the current economic decline in New Mexico government revenues, funds for this project could not be obtained from any other source but the BTOP program.

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Stuart Ashman, Secretary  
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