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Hi Lori,

As you are aware, NTI is very interested in the development of broadband in the Territory and the significant benefits it can offer Nunavummiut. Please accept this e-mail as confirmation of NTI's support for the negotiated contracts for both Northwestel (satellite) and the Undersea Fibre Optic Network Design.

We appreciate the fact that you have been engaging with NTI, the Nunavut Economic Forum, and Nunasi as you work towards advancing broadband for the Territory, and look forward to continued collaboration.

NTI supports the GN's effort to undertake the first phase of the marine survey this summer and to utilize opportunities to proceed with direct contract negotiations with the successful proponent of the tender to be issued by the Kativik Regional Government. NTI supports the Government of Nunavut's request to exercise sec. 3.1 of the Nunavummi Nangminiaqtunik Ikajuuti (NNI Policy) where it states .."Cabinet may, where warranted by the public interest, depart from the provisions of the NNI Policy in exceptional circumstances". In this particular case, NTI also supports GN's rationale that this is in the best interest of the public as this timing allows the GN to save costs on the specialized study and expedite this phase for the summer of 2018.

NTI looks forward to periodic updates on the status of this project.



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