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To: Members of the Board of Trustees

From: J. David Armstrong Jr., President

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Place: Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
Broward College  
Boardroom 1208, Building 33, Willis Holcombe Center  
111 East Las Olas Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Subject: Agenda Item VIII - College Presentation - One Broward Consortium

**Brief Description:** The College Presentation this month will present a summary of the One Broward Consortium - a collaboration between the community's higher education institutions, human services agencies, local government and The School Board of Broward County, Florida and the pursuit of federal stimulus dollars specifically designed to facilitate the expansion of broadband infrastructure projects that would spur job creation and stimulate long-term economic growth and opportunity. The formal grant proposal, titled the OneBroward – Digital Network Access (1B-DNA), was submitted on August 20, 2009 and if awarded, is estimated to create approximately 323 high quality telecommunications and construction related jobs in the community. Two Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant proposals are aligned with this infrastructure proposal; OneBroward CAN (1B-CAN) and Broward County Library for Community Computer Centers (Wired for Success).

**Benefit to BC:** Connecting the infrastructure of these Broward county agencies is a major step toward a digital inclusion strategy that will address the following statutory purposes for our community and our BC students:

1- provide broadband access to consumers in under served areas, 2- provide broadband education, awareness, training, access, equipment, and support to community anchor institutions, job-creating strategic facilities, and vulnerable populations, 3- Stimulate demand for broadband. In addition, there are potential cost savings to the College related to Wide Area Connectivity and Internet costs. Currently the College spends approximately \$250,000 annually for these services. Once the OneBroward core network is fully functional with access to the Internet, the College can migrate these services to the OneBroward Infrastructure. Current business models reflect savings to the College as high as 50% annually, depending on the number of members and future members who utilize the network.