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Dear local farm or business owner:

Cecil County Government is exploring opportunities to further high-speed internet and broadband availability throughout our community. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has a rural grant program available to local governments and broadband businesses to potentially expand the growth of broadband in underserved or unserved areas. Armstrong Utilities, in partnership with Cecil County Government, is considering applying for this grant to further high-speed internet availability throughout Cecil County.

Armstrong is a highly experienced internet service provider that already serves some of the more densely populated portions of Cecil County and now considers to serve portions of the county that are either extremely underserved or entirely unserved.

One of the requirements of this grant opportunity is that we must gauge the interest/desire of farms and local businesses in the area to have this type of high-speed internet service. Your input into this process is important, as the USDA requires that the form included in this letter be completed by farms and businesses that are not fully served with broadband in Cecil County.

Some of the questions refer to your current service and may not apply if you do not have internet service at this time. Please fill out the form included with this letter to the best of your ability and return it as soon as possible. You may also take a photo of the completed form with your cell phone (or any mobile device) and e-mail it to dblack@ccgov.org

Please note that completing this form does not commit you to subscribing to any service that may be developed in the future if grant funding is received.

We truly appreciate your feedback and input in this endeavor to develop enhanced broadband and high-speed internet services in Cecil County.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 410-996-5220.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David R. Black".

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ReConnect Program

Broadband Pre-subscription Form for Farms and Other Businesses

Armstrong Utilities, in conjunction with Cecil County Government, is applying for funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's ReConnect Program. If successful, this funding will allow Armstrong Utilities to bring broadband service to your location. If you are interested in receiving broadband service, please share your responses to the questions below.

Question	Answer
1. Would you be a farm or other business customer?	_____ Farm _____ Other Business
2. What communications services are you currently using? Select all that apply.	_____ Internet _____ Landline Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ Video _____ Other (specify)
3. Approximately how much do you pay per month for each of the services that you use?	\$_____ Internet \$_____ Landline Phone \$_____ Cell Phone \$_____ Video \$_____ Other
4. What is the broadband speed that you currently are receiving with your Internet service?	_____ None _____ < 10 Mbps down _____ < 25 Mbps down, but at least 10 Mbps down _____ < 100 Mbps down, but at least 25 Mbps down _____ over 100 Mbps down _____ I don't know
5. What broadband speed would you need to meet your farm or business needs?	_____ < 10 Mbps downstream _____ < 25 Mbps down, but at least 10 Mbps down _____ < 100 Mbps down, but at least 25 Mbps down _____ over 100 Mbps down _____ I don't know
6. Are you interested in receiving broadband service from Armstrong Utilities?*	_____ Yes _____ No <small>*Note: This Pre-subscription form is not a binding commitment made by Armstrong Utilities or Cecil County Government.</small>
7. How would you like us to let you know when service will be available?	_____ Email _____ Phone call _____ Mailer

Respondent Contact Information

Owner Name:	Phone Number:
	Email Address:
Farm or Other Business Name:	Address:
	(Number and Street)
	(City, State, Zip code)

Respondent Signature: _____

Date: _____