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Evaluation Committee
21st Century Fund
C/O Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo
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Buffalo, N.Y. 14202

The Center for Applied Technologies in Education (CATE) at the University at Buffalo fully supports the WNY Partnership for Regional Internetworking (WNYPRI) and the request being made to the 21st Century Fund to construct a Multi-Point Video Conferencing Center. CATE, as a member of the WNYPRI, recognizes the need for our partners to have video conferencing access to multiple points simultaneously using state-of-the art equipment and technology infrastructure. A solution that allows for sharing of equipment, maintenance and operational costs while pooling resources of all partners is optimal.

CATE, in it's mission to build and support Networked Learning Communities, can be counted on to provide technical support as the Video Conferencing Center is established and made operational.

Sincerely,

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