

**July 1, 2009**

**Broadband updates**

**Senate confirms new Assistant Secretary of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration.**

[Assistant Secretary Larry Strickling will be responsible for administering the NTIA stimulus grant funds.](#)

**Feds loosen up on "Buy American" provisions for stimulus funds as they relate to Broadband projects.**

[The Secretary of Commerce has determined that,](#) as applied to certain broadband equipment used in a BTOP project, application of the Buy American provision would be inconsistent with the public interest.

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