

RESOLUTION NO. 2341

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A JOINT COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACROSS RURAL SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA IN SUPPORT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INTITIATIVES.

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission has been awarded funding by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Broadband Technical Assistance Program; **AND**

WHEREAS, the Southwest Louisiana Regional Planning Commission (SWLA-RPC) has determined there is a need for large-scale deployment and expansion of broadband infrastructure throughout the region; **AND**

WHEREAS, the SWLA-RPC has negotiated and will partner with the Southwest Louisiana Technical Community College (SWELA) to focus on three rural campuses located in Jennings, Leesville, and Oakdale; **AND**

WHEREAS, the project will include a comprehensive workforce needs assessment, development of targeted training programs and the establishment of a job placement pipeline to connect program graduates with employers in the broadband sector; **AND**

WHEREAS, the SWLA-RPC will be responsible for project administration and coordination, including scheduling, compliance, federal reporting, and financial management; **AND**

WHEREAS, the SOWELA Technical Community College will provide instructional resources, facilities, and personnel necessary to deliver broadband deployment training courses at its rural campuses; **AND**

WHEREAS, the SWLA-RPC and the SOWELA Technical Community College have agreed and will collaborate with industry partners to support workforce placement efforts, including enrollment and job placement program through a Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION (SWLA-RPC) FOR LOUISIANA PLANNING DISTRICT 5 APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A JOINT COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT WITH THE SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR BROADBAND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACROSS RURAL SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA IN SUPPORT OF WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT INTITIATIVES.


The Joint Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is Attachment A and made a part of this Resolution.

THIS RESOLUTION BEING VOTED ON AND UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED ON THIS 25TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.



Jacob Dillehay, Chair

ATTEST:



Michael Hollier, AICP
Executive Director