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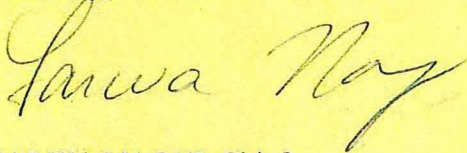
The Honorable Johnny B. Thomas
Mayor of Village of Glendora
Village of Glendora
78 West Brooks Street
Glendora, Mississippi 38928

Dear Mayor Thomas:

Enclosed with this letter is the Form 270 dated September 17, 2007, and supporting invoice requesting advance #10. We are returning this information because the Form 270 has been filled out incorrectly and the MegaGate invoice included for support covers a period for which we have already provided funding. If you wish to revise your request, please provide a new invoice covering a period RDUP has not yet paid. In addition, we have had a change in policy and can only make advances for future recurring costs up to one month in advance instead of the three months we had been advancing. Please keep this in mind on future advance requests.

If you have any further questions, please contact this office at (202) 720-7276.

Sincerely,



FARWA NAQVI, Chief
Engineering Branch
Broadband Division
Telecommunications Program
Rural Development, Utilities Program

Enclosures

cc:

Absocom Corporation
David Jones and Associates

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The Honorable Johnny B. Thomas
Mayor
Village of Glendora
78 West Brooks Street
Glendora, Mississippi 38928

Dear Mr. Thomas:

My office is aware that internet service to the Village of Glendora, Mississippi has been suspended. The Grant Agreement, entered into by the Village of Glendora, dated January 16, 2006, along with applicable Departmental Regulations, prohibit disposing all or any portion of the grant funded project without prior approval by Rural Development. We are looking into this situation and will be in touch with you as to how to proceed. In the meantime, the Village of Glendora must retain ownership of all assets that were funded through the Community Connect Grant award, as well as all assets which were used to fulfill your matching fund requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact my office at (202) 690-4673.

Sincerely,

KENNETH KUCHNO

KENNETH KUCHNO, Director
Broadband Division
Telecommunications Program
Rural Development, Utilities Programs

cc: Absocom Corporation
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SEP 27 2005

The Honorable Johnny B. Thomas
Mayor of Village of Glendora
78 West Brooks Street
Tallahatchie, MS 38928

Dear Mayor Thomas:

I am pleased to congratulate you on your organization's selection for a \$325,405 grant to serve the Village of Glendora, Mississippi, under the Community Connect Broadband Grant Program administered by the Rural Utilities Service. After evaluating the application, we made adjustments to grant and/or match amounts to preserve the eligibility of the project. Your proposal was among 111 applications submitted in Fiscal Year 2005.

In the near future, you will receive legal documents for your execution. This will formalize the agreement and enable you to request funds. We look forward to working with you to bring the benefits of advanced telecommunications to rural America.

Sincerely,

CURTIS M. ANDERSON

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Acting Administrator
Rural Utilities Service

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Concurrences: ASD 9/27 AAT _____

(601) 979-1824

Clemson, Alyssa - Washington, DC

From: Clemson, Alyssa - Washington, DC

Sent: Monday, November 21, 2005 4:19 PM

To: Kuchno, Kenneth - Washington, DC; Lloyd, Wanda - Washington, DC; Bradley, Joe - Cottondale, DC

Subject: Glendora

Just to keep everyone up to date. I just received a phone call from Ike Fowler from Absocom. He apologized for any time wasted on this project due to ineligible grant funds. He will be submitting the new budget and executive summary.

Alyssa M. Clemson

Loan Specialist

USDA Rural Development, Utilities Program

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RUS FORM 9

Date: February 07, 2008

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT	Subject: Mississippi 1405
TO: Ken B. Chandler, Director Southwest Area - Telecommunications	From: William H. Vogt, GFR <i>Will H. Vogt</i>

1. Village of Glendora
Glendora, Mississippi

Jimmy Thomas, Mayor

2. Discuss Community Connect Grant.
3. Discussed the status of the Community Connect grant inasmuch as the grant funds are about depleted and sustainability issues should be considered.

Details of the visit are included in the attached Project Review Checklist.

I will follow with Mayor Thomas in several weeks concerning discussions with the grant writer and vendor about the sustainability issues.

FISCAL YEAR _____
DLT PROJECT REVIEW CHECKLIST
ANNUAL SITE VISITS AND FINAL PROJECT PERFORMANCE REPORTS

Part III. TECHNICAL AND OPERATIONAL ISSUES:

1. Please note any implementation problems.

MR. THOMAS INDICATED TOWNSHIP WAS NOT FULLY FUNCTIONAL AND VENDOR W/AS TO REPAIR SEVERAL
 PROBLEMS LEAD TO THE TRANSMITTER.

2. Vendor problems _____

3. Are there additional services proposed or plans for expansion?

4. Have you discussed general record keeping procedures to make future audits easier?

5. Have you discussed future telemedicine and/or distance learning revenue sources?

6. Have you discussed distance learning e-rate availability?

7. Do you have a copy of final RUS-approved budget?

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Part IV. OTHER OBLIGATIONS:

1. Scope of Work Plan

a. Have any changes occurred? (i.e., end-users added and/or dropped)

If so, have the changes been approved by RUS?

b. Has the rurality calculation changed so as to affect grant status?

c. Have you made a physical verification of facilities and equipment?

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Annual Reporting

a. Does awardee understand that a Project Performance Activity Report is due by March 31 of each year after the year that the award was made?

b. Does awardee understand that a Standard Form 269a, Financial Status Report, is due by March 31 of each after the year that the award was made?

c. Is borrower aware of need to submit annual audit reports? (loans only)

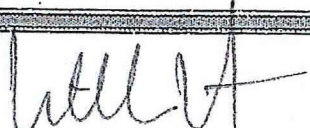
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COMMENTS: (If any item needs to be explained, please footnote appropriate box and add explanation in this section.)

PROJECT HAS DRAWN SUBSTANTIALLY ALL GRANT FUNDS AND CONSUMES ALL GRANT FUNDS FOR CONTINUED
 OPERATION OF INDEBIT CONNECTION BY 03-31. DISCUSSED SUSTAINABILITY ISSUES, INCLUDING POSSIBLE
 MEANS FOR CITY TO BEGIN BILLING USERS OF THE SYSTEM. MR. THOMAS TO CHECK WITH VENDOR
 ON ABILITY TO IMPLEMENT ACCESS RESTRICTIONS TO THE SYSTEM TO PAID USERS ONLY.

DISCUSSED EXPANSION OF SYSTEM TO RURAL AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE TOWNSHIP LIMITS (BUT OUTSIDE ANY
 OTHER TOWNS).

WILL CHECK BACK IN SEVERAL WEEKS.

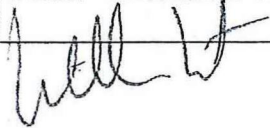

 General Field Representative, RUS

02-07-08
 Date

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Date: Sept. 07, 2006

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL UTILITIES SERVICE FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT	Subject: MS-1405 Glendora, MS - Community Connect
TO: Ken Chandler, Director Southern Area - Telecommunications	From: Joe D. Bradley, GFR

Travel: Traveled from Cottondale, AL to Glendora, MS

Purpose of Visit: Community Connect Project Review Meeting.

Persons Contacted: Mayor Johnny Thomas – Glendora
 Isaac Fowler - Absocom

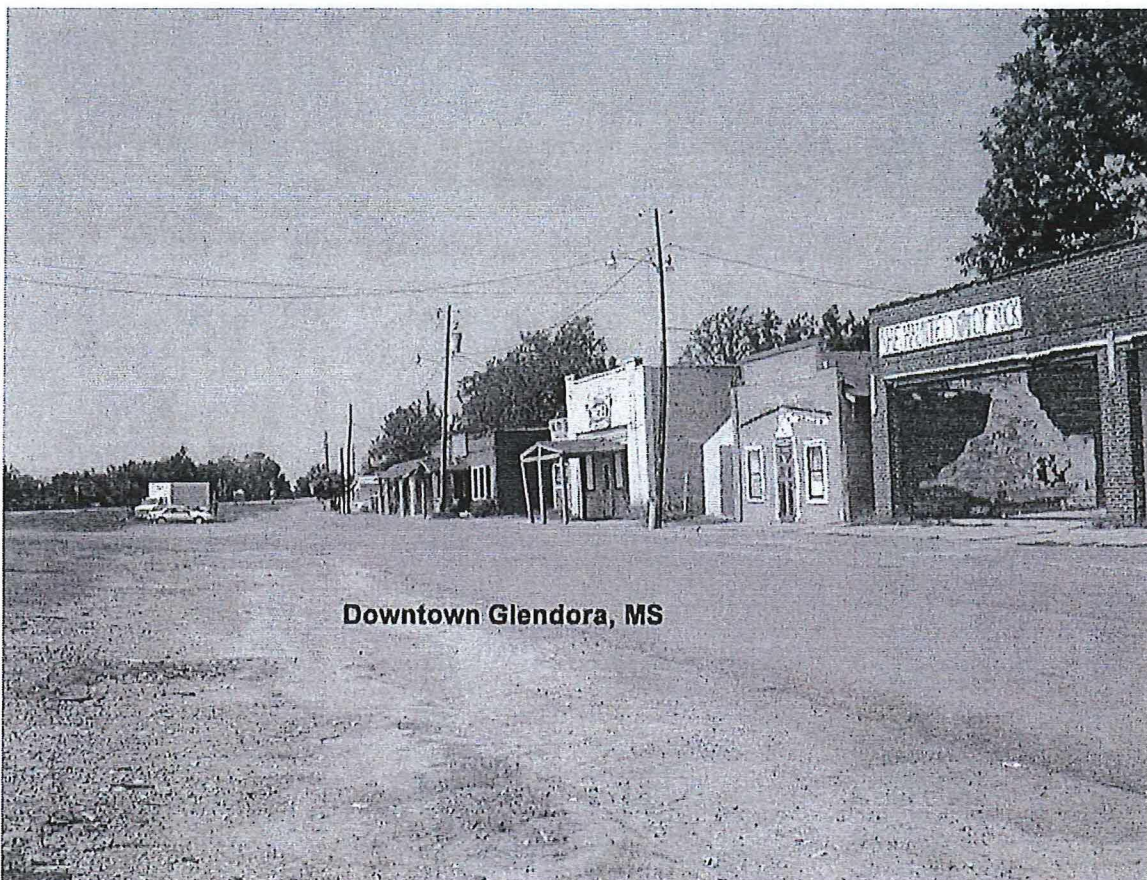
General:

Met with Mayor Thomas at the Cotton Gin in Glendora, MS at 11:00 am. The existing structure is being retrofitted with a community center room where access to the network by the community at large will take place. A few observations are indicated below:

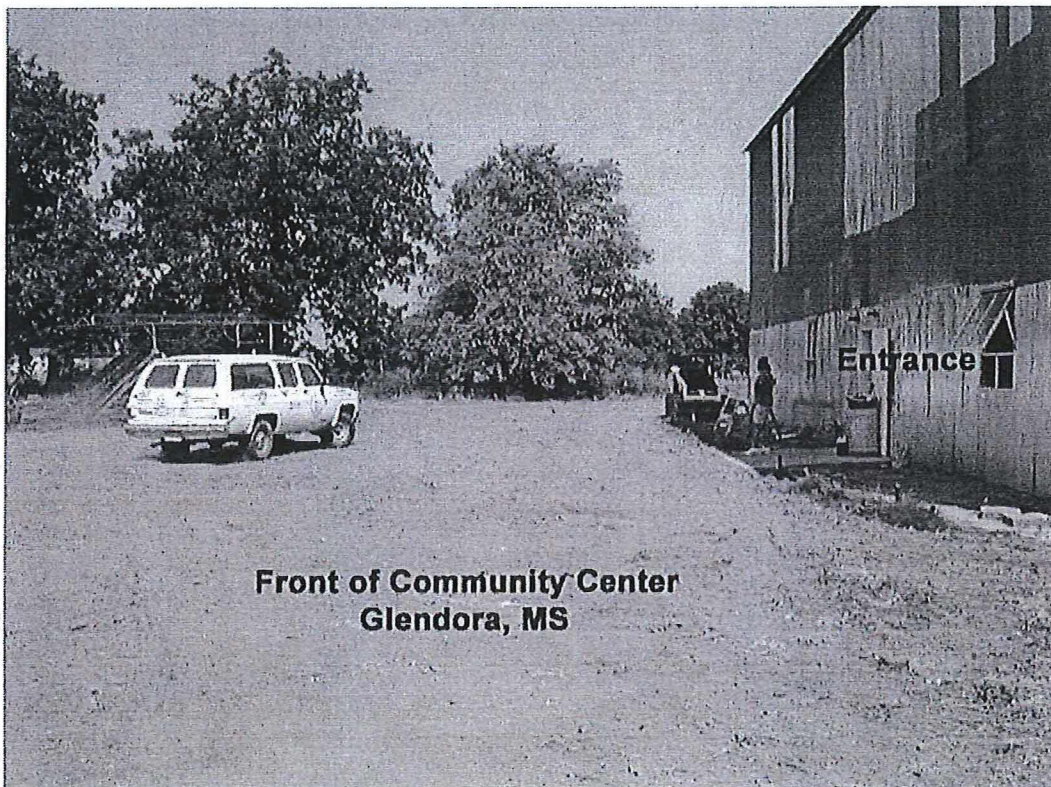
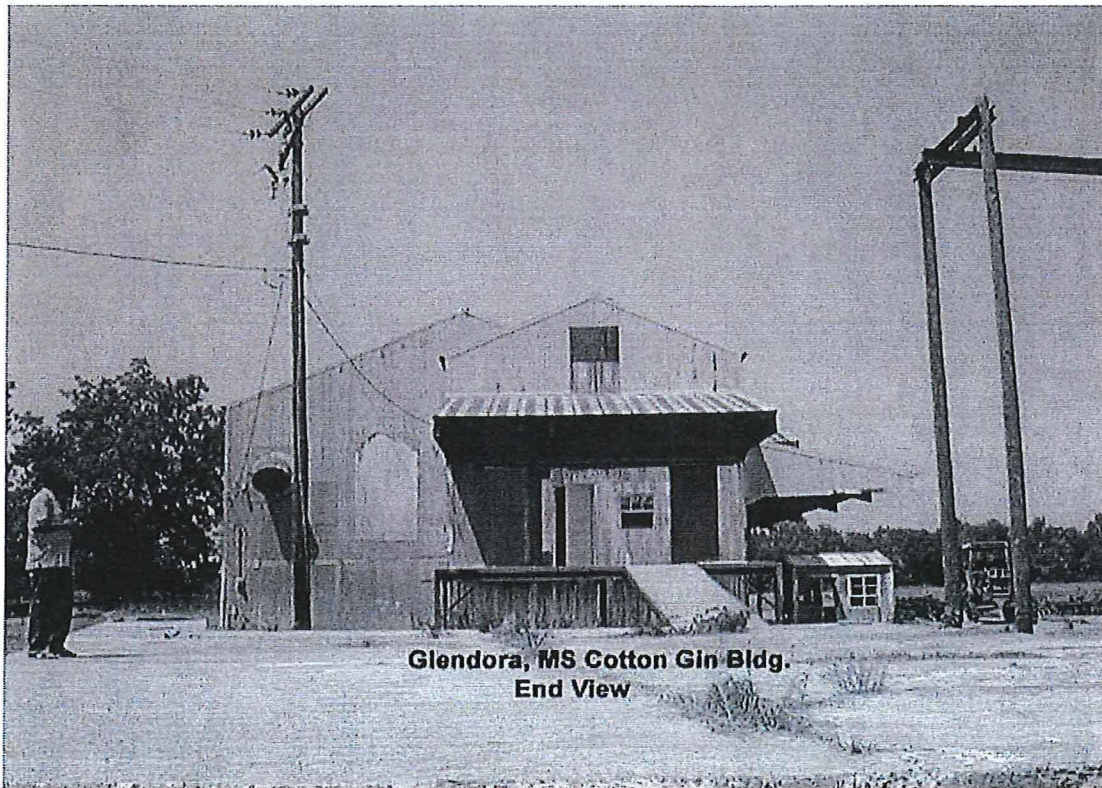
1. It was difficult to tell how much work was actually done to the existing structure at this late stage of construction. Please see pictures below.
2. Mayor Thomas and I walked throughout the facility and I asked if the electrical work was inspected and installed per code (NEC) by a licensed electrician, the mayor was not sure but, would find out and let me know. I did not see any permits or sticker indicating any seal or certifications at the panel (see picture).
3. The Mayor indicated that the Architect, Mr. Lowell P. Mills of Mills and Mills Architects based in Greenville, MS was to have shown up to inspect in the next few days. I asked the Mayor if he could ask the Architect for a completion report reflecting the various construction elements and their relative percentage of completion and then forward to me, he indicated that he would.
4. The Mayor and I went back to the City hall to meet Isaac Fowler and to review the receipts and invoices. The Mayor gave me several folders containing the receipts and invoices as well as time cards and I proceeded to review them. **Face value** as was given to me, before any review is as follows:
 - Folders Labeled – Materials Rental and Supplies dated 9/7/2006 = \$25,323.79
 - Folders Labeled – Labor and Services dated 9/7/2006 = \$30,792.76
 - Total = \$56,116.55
5. Some of the concerns regarding the receipts were that some did not have material itemized on them just purchase amounts. There were some that had returned item receipts for some of the items and it was not clear as to the total amount to be actually claimed. I suggested to the Mayor that they go over the receipts in detail again and verify amounts and to identify material purchased on the receipts. All dates on receipts provided showed dates after Grant award. The

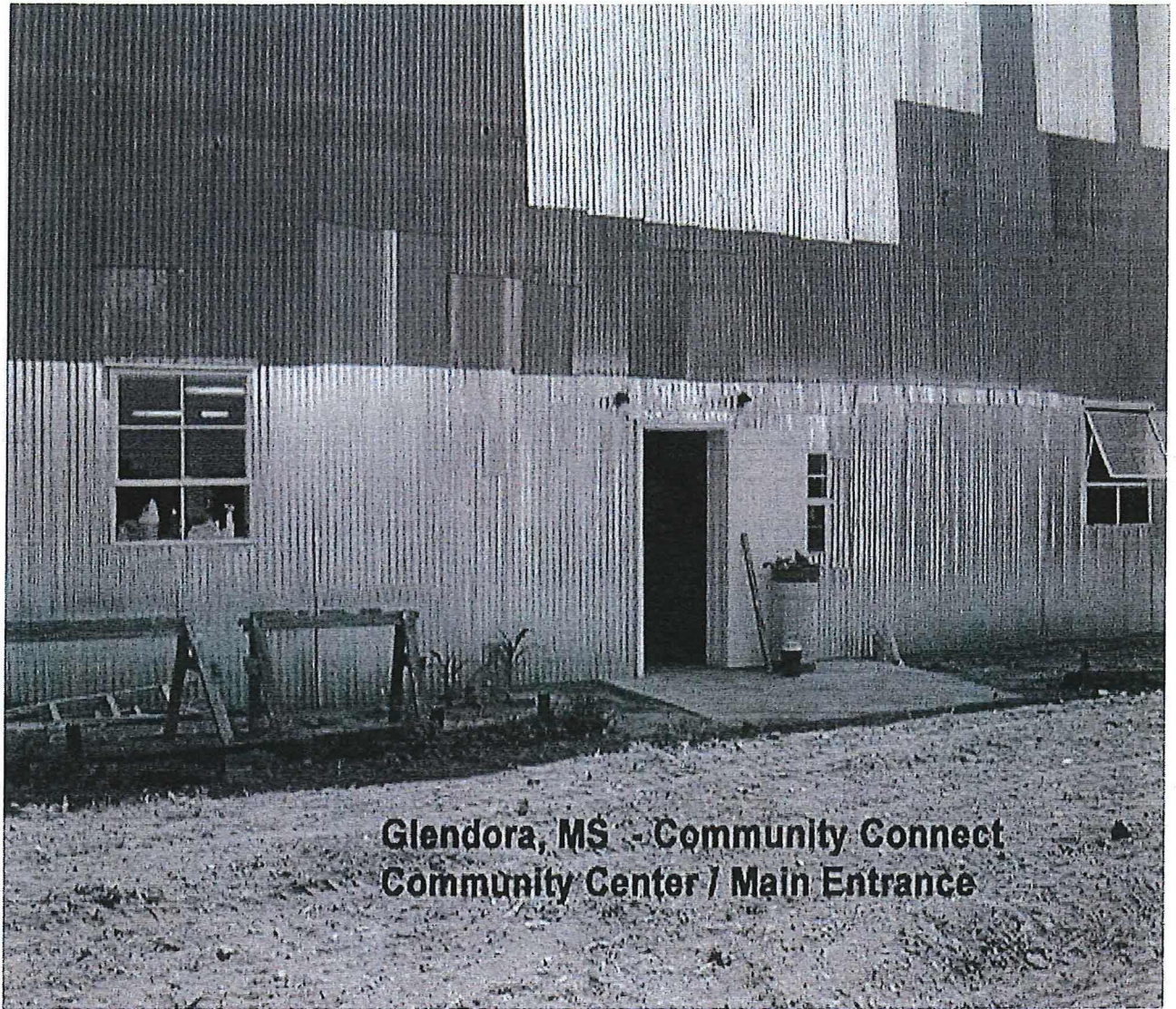
Mayor also asked if the use of City equipment could be reimbursed and I indicated that it could but, must have an invoice or receipt included in the files. The Mayor indicated that he would and provide new totals.

6. The Mayor was under the impression that they would be getting the full amount of the Grant even though they did not have receipts and I indicated that there ability to draw down funds was dependent upon verification by receipts, canceled checks, invoices etc... I did tell him that should the cost be less and a surplus was available that he could request written approval to use those funds for other Community Connect Grant purposes.
7. Reviewing the time sheets and labor categories showed people being paid as cooks, security staff as well as typical construction trade personnel and management. After calling WDC during my return trip I spoke to the Mayor and told him that the Cook position would be disallowed.
8. I am awaiting a copy of the letter from the Architect as well as the Mayor clarifying the receipts, labor and new totals for expenses to date. I understand from the Mayor that Bud Garrett, Field Accountant has been in contact with them to schedule a visit.

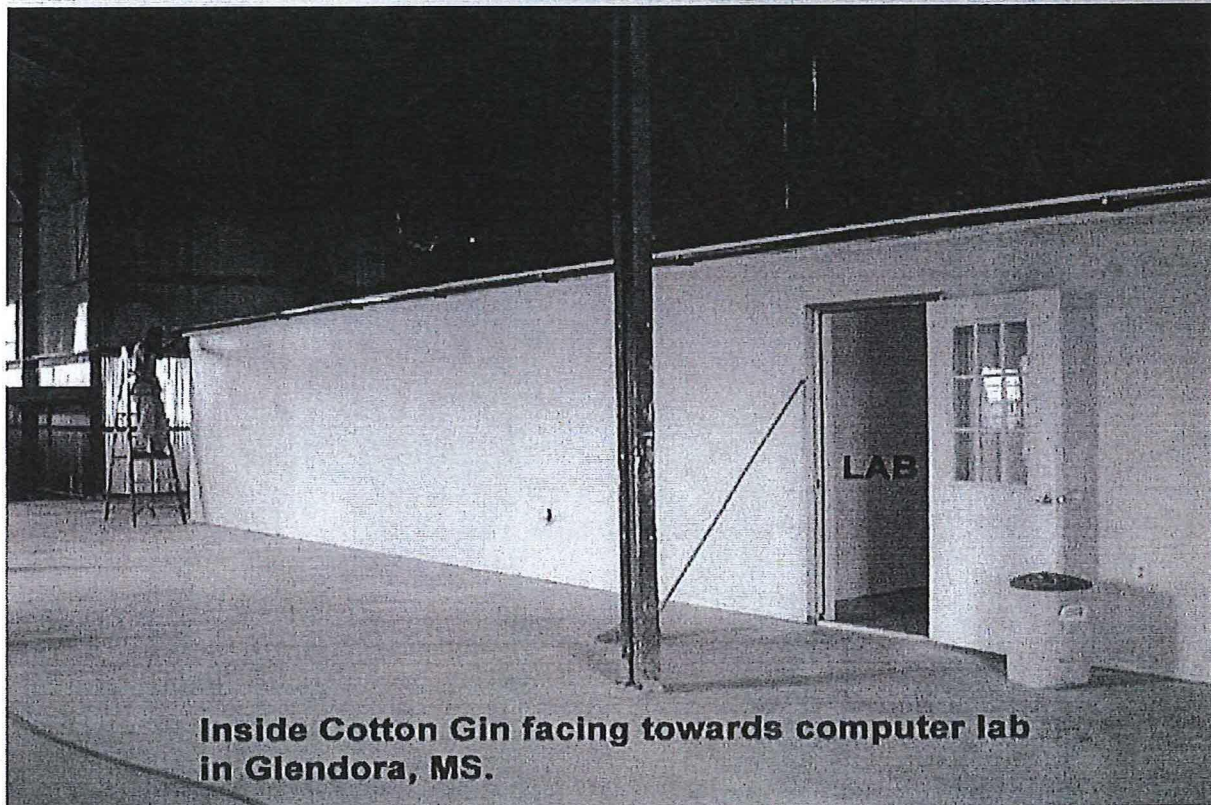
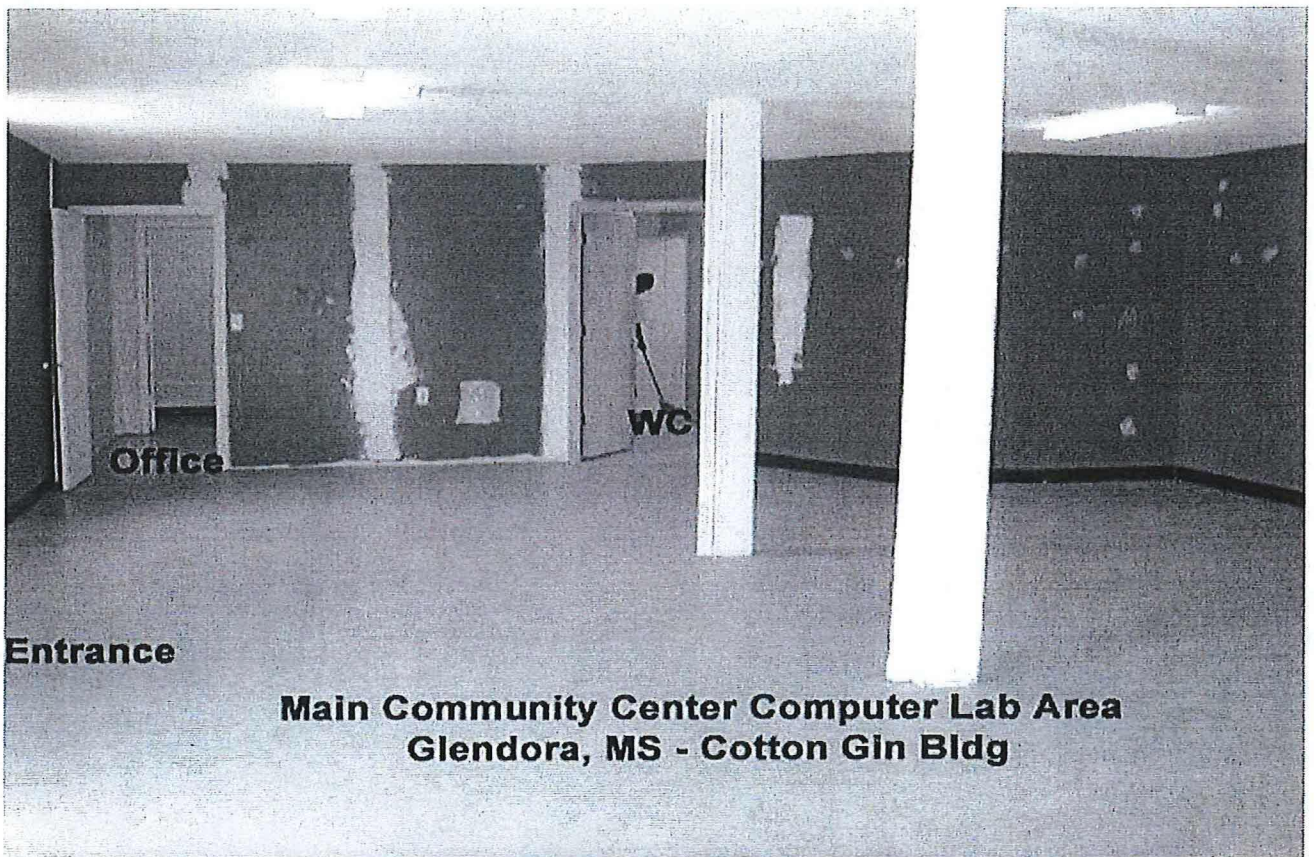


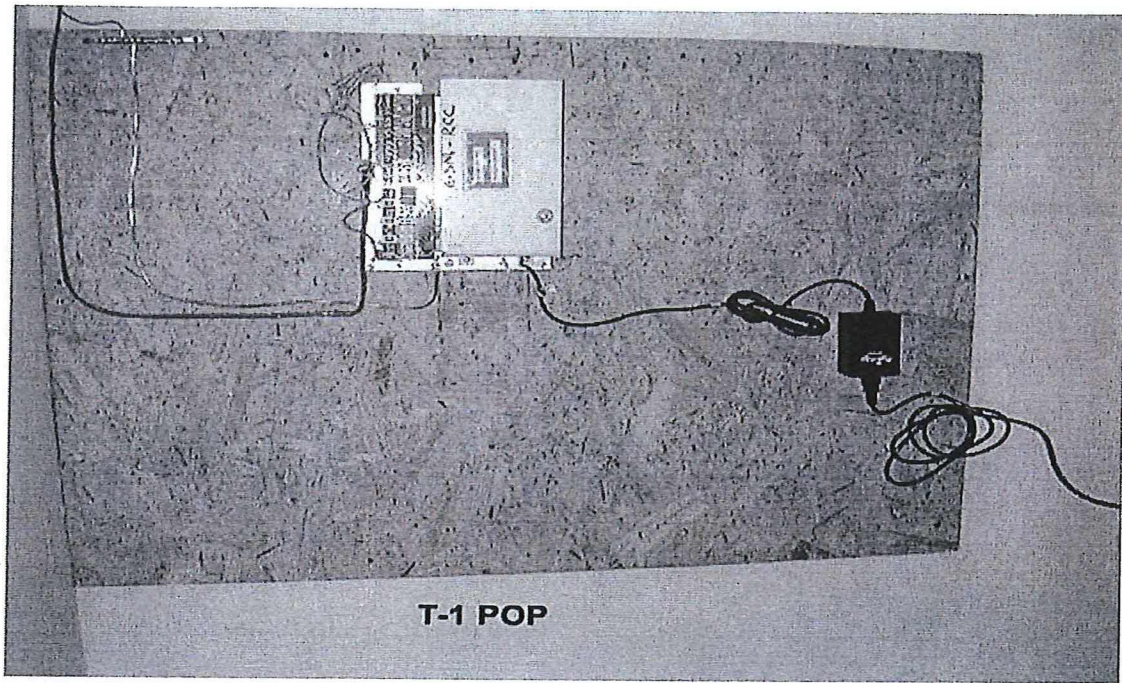
Downtown Glendora, MS





**Glendora, MS - Community Connect
Community Center / Main Entrance**





AUG 10 2006

Mr. Johnny B. Thomas
Mayor
Village of Glendora
78 West Brooke Street
Glendora, Mississippi 38928

Dear Mr. Thomas:

We have received your request of June 23, 2006, to reallocate the \$39,700 in grant funds approved in your first advance from Contract Service of MS, Ltd. to the Glendora Economic and Community Development Corporation (GECDC). We are approving this request and you may disburse these funds to the GECDC.

We are in receipt of a revised budget for the community center renovation project that indicates the cost for this work will be \$75,000. Please be advised that the remaining \$36,200 to be advanced for this purpose will not be advanced until Mr. Joe Bradley, RDUP General Field Representative, has visited the site and confirmed that the project will be completed within the proposed schedule and budget.

If you have any further questions, please call our office at (202) 720-7276.

Sincerely,

Farwa N. 8/10/06

FARWA NAQVI, Chief
Engineering Branch
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Official File-(MS 1405-A23)
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CONCURRENCE:

Kenneth Kuchno
KENNETH KUCHNO, Director
Broadband Division
Telecommunications Program
Utilities Program

8/10/06
Date