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Hi Paul,

My name is Peng Her and I'm working with the Center for Resilient Cities which owns and operates the Resilient Research Center (501 E Badger Rd) that currently houses the Resilient Neighborhood Center and Badger Rock Middle school on the south side of Madison. The Center for Resilient Cities is interested in building programs and infrastructure to close the digital divide in S. Madison. The Resilient Neighborhood center would partner with MMSD through Badger Rock Middle school, businesss leaders such as the S. Madison Development Corp, south madison neighborhood assoc, and other nonprofits. The Center is already connected to the MUFN fiber optics.

The Center would the central hub with a cyber cafe to provide a computer lab for residents. We would also like to provide WIFI to residentthat live in S. Madison. As you may know, S. Madison is one of the most diverse parts of the City and is one of the lowest median come level of the City. The South Madison Promise Zone's survey showed a a need for residents to hav access to the internet to monitor their children's academic progress. Our desired outcome is to provide access for low income families to monitor their children's academic progress, students have access to the internet for homework and school related research, and for parents may apply for jobs online. Currently many of the residents have to wait in line at the Goodman library to have access to a computer and the internet.

Please consider us as a potential site for funding to address the digital divide. I look forward to attending the May 7th meeting to learn more about the process.

If you have any question or need additional info please do not hesitate to email or give me a call.

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