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Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) Responds to AT&T Chairman and CEO Edward Whitacre's Announcement About Project Lightspeed Deployment in Underserved Communities

The following statement can be attributed to Rev. James L. Demus, Co-Director of the Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide:

MAADD applauds AT&T Chairman Edward Whitacre's announcement today to bring state of the art technology to low-income communities across the U.S. AT&T's announcement to deploy highly innovative broadband technology and video services in underserved communities is exactly the type of corporate/community partnership that MAADD has worked hard to promote.

AT&T's investment will provide economically disadvantaged and minority consumers access to the tools necessary to succeed in our technology-dependent society. It is clear that when corporations act responsibly toward the community, great achievements can be made for all. MAADD encourages other corporations to follow AT&T's lead as a role model for social responsibility.

We look forward to seeing the results of AT&T's announcement and commend the company for investing in all communities and giving the underserved a choice.

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The Ministerial Alliance Against the Digital Divide (MAADD) is an 8,000+ member civil rights organization led by ministers that is devoted to bridging the digital divide between those who have ready access to technology and those who do not.