

JOPAL SURVEY

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APPENDIX

Service Name	Service Provider	Service Type: I=Internet C=CD-ROM O=Other (Specify)	Free Service Yes or No	Estimated Service Cost per month	Additional Remarks

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APPENDIX

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