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Organization:	Education Networks of America, Inc.
Project Name:	Broadband Access and Equity for Indiana Community Anchor Institutions
Project Type:	Infrastructure
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ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Broadband Access and Equity for Indiana Community Anchor Institutions project plans to improve educational opportunities throughout Indiana by deploying 560 miles of fiber to deliver broadband Internet service. The project intends to provide 100 Mbps connections directly to 145 public schools and libraries around the state. These enhanced broadband capabilities will enable the state's schools and libraries to enhance educational offerings and services for an estimated 290,000 students and library patrons.

The Broadband Access and Equity for Indiana Community Anchor Institutions project also proposes to:

- Enable schools and libraries to offer a variety of additional services and applications such as distance learning, online job training, access to e-government services, and advanced studies.
- Spur affordable broadband Internet service for up to 200,000 households, 30,000 businesses, and 630 community anchor institutions by enabling local Internet providers to connect to the project's open network.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Educational Networks of America, Inc., a service provider for more than 13 years, has provided fiber-based connectivity to more than 1,300 schools and libraries. In Indiana, Educational Networks is under contract to the Indiana Department of Education and the Indiana State Library to provide managed Internet service to all 320 school districts and 160 libraries throughout the state. In addition, it provides broadband solutions to 560 school districts with 2.5 million students and educators, and 6.2 million library patrons and librarians in 230 libraries in Idaho, Indiana, Florida, and Tennessee. Educational Networks of America plans to leverage existing infrastructure and a network operations center to implement this project.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Consortium for School Networking
- I-Light
- Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents
- Indiana Department of Education
- Indiana Fiber Networks
- Indiana State Library Association
- InsightBusiness
- Internet2
- KDL, Inc.
- Software and Information Industry Association
- State Educational Technology Directors Association

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