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Organization:	Zayo Bandwidth, LLC
Project Name:	Indiana Middle Mile Fiber for Schools, Communities, and Anchor Institutions
Project Type:	Infrastructure
State(s):	Indiana
Federal Award:	\$25,140,315

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Indiana Middle Mile Fiber for Schools, Communities, and Anchor Institutions project plans to directly connect 21 Ivy Tech Community College campuses to the state's existing high-speed network for education and research, known as the I-Light network. The Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest higher education institution with over 130,000 students, and is the largest singly accredited community college system in the nation. The project plans to deploy a 626-mile fiber-optic network to provide 1 Gbps to 10 Gbps connections between the newly-connected Ivy Tech campuses and the 42 colleges and universities already on the I-Light network, which will advance research, education, and economic opportunities throughout Indiana. In addition, the project expects to spur affordable broadband service to local consumers in more than 100 communities along the route, over 70 percent of which are in underserved areas, by allowing local Internet service providers to connect to the project's open network.

The Indiana Middle Mile Fiber for Schools, Communities, and Anchor Institutions project also proposes to:

- Provide 413 points of interconnection along the route on a wholesale basis, enabling last mile providers to serve an area with an estimated 480,000 households, 49,000 businesses, and almost 4,800 anchor institutions, including health centers, schools, public safety organizations, and government offices.
- Leverage broadband to stimulate economic development and bolster the state's career and technical education offerings given the current economic conditions and the loss of traditional manufacturing jobs in the area.
- Leverage a 30 percent match to maximize use of federal funds.
- Partner with six socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses in implementing the project.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, launched in 2006, currently provides broadband services over a fiber network that spans 19,000 miles in 131 markets and 23 states. The company primarily provides bandwidth infrastructure services to some of the largest consumers of raw bandwidth in the United States including businesses, wholesale providers, and anchor institutions.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- 24/7 Cable
- AtlantiCom Communications, LLC
- CSU Inc.
- Corbitt and Sons Construction
- Ivy Tech Community College
- JDH Contracting
- Jus-Com Inc.
- K and M Thompson
- Metropolitan Communications Group
- OnPoint Consulting
- Turnkey Network Solutions

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