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Organization:	Trillion Communications, Inc.
Project Name:	South Central Alabama Broadband Commission (SCABC)
Project Type:	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
State:	Alabama
Federal Award:	\$59,258,545

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Many community-serving organizations in a substantial portion of the rural, eight-county region in central Alabama targeted by **Trillion Communications** lack the necessary level of Internet service to thrive and compete in the digital economy. Trillion has formed a public-private partnership with A2D and the South Central Alabama Broadband Commission -- a recently formed consortium of local governments, colleges and universities, medical providers, nonprofit institutions, and the Poarch Creek Tribe -- to bring high-capacity broadband capabilities to Butler, Conecuh, Crenshaw, Dallas, Escambia, Lowndes, Macon, and Wilcox Counties.

The South Central Alabama Broadband Commission plans to enable free, community-funded Internet services to vulnerable populations in the area's economically depressed counties. The project also intends to enhance public safety services by creating an interoperable network between public safety agencies in all eight counties, as well as establish the infrastructure necessary to support a future 700 MHz wireless interoperable public safety broadband network.

The South Central Alabama Broadband Commission also proposes to:

- Partner with several small disadvantaged businesses to construct over 2,200 miles of new fiber, complemented by an existing fiber network, to offer a variety of wholesale services at speeds up to 1 Gbps and transport services at speeds up to 10 Gbps.
- Facilitate new or improved broadband service for up to nearly 72,000 households and 3,000 businesses by enabling local Internet service providers to utilize the project's open network at 45 points of interconnection.
- Provide direct connections to approximately 400 anchor institutions, including as many as 34 public safety entities, 91 K-12 schools, four libraries, five community colleges, two additional institutions of higher education, 16 healthcare facilities, and 219 government buildings and centers.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Incorporated in 2001, Trillion Corporation, a certified Minority Business Enterprise, manages supply chain services for communications customers nationwide, and has provided procurement, warehousing, project management, and inventory management services for AT&T, Verizon Network Services, Qwest (now Century Tel) and others. They have local presences in Bessemer, Alabama; Atlanta, Georgia; South Bend, Indiana; and Eastampton, New Jersey.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Concise Telecommunications, Inc.
- Allied Logistics, Inc.
- A-Plus Community Solutions, Inc.
- Enablence Technologies
- Faith In Action Outreach Ministries

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