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| <b>Project Name:</b>  | <b>North Georgia Network</b>                         |
| <b>Project Type:</b>  | <b>Infrastructure</b>                                |
| <b>State(s):</b>      | <b>Georgia</b>                                       |
| <b>Federal Award:</b> | <b>\$33,490,537</b>                                  |

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

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The North Georgia Network project proposes to:

- Deliver broadband access to 245 community anchor institutions through a direct connection to the middle mile network, and last mile service to approximately 24,000 households in previously inaccessible and unaffordable areas.
- Maintain an open network for independent service providers to interconnect with and build out their own fiber-optic services to end users.
- Stimulate the demand for broadband, and create a technology-based economy and new jobs in economically challenged areas.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

The North Georgia Network Cooperative is a member-owned cooperative. Two of the cooperative's key members, Habersham Electric Membership Corporation (EMC) and Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, lead the project. These organizations have experience providing electrical service to 82,000 customers in 11 counties, primarily in rural Northeast Georgia. The two EMCs already have constructed locally-based fiber infrastructure to 4,300 residential, commercial and anchor institution customers. The project was initially developed by five county economic development divisions along with the North Georgia College and State University, with \$192,000 in state grant funding.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Blue Ridge Mountain Electric Membership Cooperative
- Dawson County Development Authority
- Ellijay Telephone Company
- Forsyth County Government
- Habersham Electric Membership Cooperative
- Lumpkin County Development Authority
- North Georgia College and State University
- Union County Development Authority
- White County Government

Data provided in the project description is based on information supplied by the applicant. An executive summary of this application can be found on [www.broadbandusa.gov](http://www.broadbandusa.gov).

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