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Organization:	Zayo Bandwidth, LLC
Project Name:	Connect Anoka County Community Broadband Network
Project Type:	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
State:	Minnesota
Federal Award:	\$13,382,593

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Connect Anoka County Community Broadband Network, a partnership between **Zayo Bandwidth** and Anoka County, Minnesota, plans to make high-speed broadband services available to governments, businesses, community anchor institutions, and local Internet service providers in Anoka County and parts of nearby Isanti and Ramsey Counties. Anoka County is one of the poorest counties in the Twin Cities metro area, with significantly higher unemployment and foreclosure rates than most of Minnesota. Many areas of the county lack broadband speeds sufficient to maximize educational opportunities, government services, and public safety responsiveness. To address this need, the project plans to build a new 286-mile fiber network that will provide speeds between 100 Mbps and 10 Gbps.

The Connect Anoka County Community Broadband Network proposes to:

- Directly connect as many as 145 community anchor institutions, including 56 public safety entities, 11 K-12 schools, three community colleges, the Anoka County Sheriff's Office, and city and town halls.
- Spur affordable broadband access for local consumers and businesses, including as many as 141,000 households and 11,000 businesses and an additional 600 anchor institutions, by enabling local Internet service providers to utilize the open network.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Zayo Bandwidth, LLC, launched in 2007, currently provides broadband services over a fiber network that spans 20,000 miles in 141 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

- Anoka County
- Anoka Ramsey Community College

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