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Organization:	ENMR Telephone Cooperative, Inc. dba ENMR-Plateau
Project Name:	ENMR-Plateau Middle Mile
Project Type:	Infrastructure
State(s):	New Mexico and Texas
Federal Award:	\$11,252,066

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The ENMR-Plateau Middle Mile project intends to enhance broadband capabilities for critical community anchor institutions in eastern New Mexico and west Texas by lighting a more than 1,600-mile ring of fiber and constructing 74 miles of new fiber in five communities. The project plans to connect more than 200 anchor institutions – including educational institutions, public safety organizations, healthcare facilities, and government agencies – at speeds of up to 1 Gbps. In addition, the network intends to offer wholesale services and facilitate broadband expansion to an estimated 20 communities and an area with nearly 700,000 homes, over 36,000 businesses, and 263 anchor institutions.

The ENMR-Plateau Middle Mile project also proposes to:

- Enable interconnectivity to the Telehealth network being constructed across New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, and Colorado.
- Expand distance learning opportunities for students at schools and libraries in rural areas.
- Provide an overall capacity that will allow flexibility for many types of broadband applications for both public and private entities.
- Leverage a 38 percent match to maximize use of federal funds.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

The ENMR Telephone Cooperative Inc. (ENMR-Plateau), founded in 1949, provides local phone service to rural areas in Eastern New Mexico, and operates in 25 counties in New Mexico and Western Texas covering 25,000 square miles. ENMR-Plateau provides local telephone service to approximately 10,000 residential customers and has more than 2,000 miles of fiber buried to transport high capacity services for the company and other carriers in the area. ENMR-Plateau currently has deployed wireless broadband in eight competitive markets in New Mexico offering plans up to 2 Mbps. Additionally, the company provides fiber and connectivity services to the Roswell Independent School District and Clovis Municipal Schools as well as broadband service to many rural schools in the ENMR-Plateau serving area.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Baca Valley Telephone
- Delcom, Inc.

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