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Organization: Hardy Telecommunications, Inc.

Project Name: Hardy AnchorRing

Project Type: Infrastructure

State(s): West Virginia

Federal Award: \$3,201,760

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Hardy AnchorRing project proposes to bring high-capacity broadband services to Hardy County, West Virginia, a sparsely populated region of the state with difficult terrain. The project intends to build a 117-mile aerial and underground fiber-optic network, and directly connect an estimated 35 anchor community institutions, such as public safety agencies, government offices, healthcare facilities, schools, and a college, with further connections likely in the future.

The Hardy AnchorRing project also proposes to:

- Offer sufficient capacity and speeds from 10 to 40 Gbps to allow local county, municipal, and education entities to provide regional services with greater impact and efficiency.
- Spur more affordable high-speed Internet service throughout Hardy County, potentially including more than 1,900 households and 190 businesses, by enabling local Internet service providers to connect to the project's open network.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Hardy Telecommunications is a not-for-profit cooperative that has offered telephone services for more than 50 years in a grass roots effort to reach an area deemed unprofitable by commercial companies. A board of directors elected from the county guides Hardy's management. Currently, Hardy serves more than 1,500 customers with a 25-mile network. Community leaders, anchor institutions, schools, public safety agencies, health care providers, government agencies, and economic development organizations support the project.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Byers Engineering
- Peregrine Management Partners

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.

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