

### **UPDATE**

# Office of Broadband Access and Expansion

Science, Technology, and Telecommunications Committee

November 17, 2022

## **Engage with Communities to provide technical** assistance for Digital Equity Improvements

- Two tribal convenings
- One in-person convening for tribal leadership and CIOs
- One virtual for tribal librarians
- Rural New Mexico community visits
  - Gallup, Fort Wingate, Navajo Technical University, Yatahey
  - Hobbs, Clovis, Portales, Roswell
  - Taos
  - T or C, Elephant Butte, Mesquite
  - Mountainair
- Assisting City of Jal drafting Statement of Work (SOW) for RFP to provide high-speed internet service to all citizens
- Assisting Navajo Office of Broadband drafting SOW for RFP to provide high-speed service to all members
- Assisting Cuba Rural Healthcare Clinics contacted ISP to connect these clinics



#### **Build OBAE Office – Staff + Contractors**

- 2 FTE hired and onboarded
- Speed hire with SPO made 3 offers
- 3 FTE hired and onboarded (last one coming onboard 11-28-22)
- Hired 2 contract attorneys
- Sourcing software tools: grant management, internet speed testing and data collection

### Ensure Build of Aggregation Nodes (GEER II + EANS II)

GEER II UNM Gallup node upgrade to connect students, teachers, and
 early childhood centers in the Gallup Area



#### **Engage Existing Broadband Plans**

- Meeting with Public School Capital Outlay Council
- Presentation to Public School Capital Outlay Oversight Task Force
- Draft JPA with PSFA and OBAE to coordinate SEN as part of Middle Mile

#### **Workforce Development**

Workforce Development meetings



#### **Coordination and Meetings - Collaboration**

- Weekly Work Group Meetings 6 work groups
- PRC Coordination
- Collaborating with sister agencies PED, PSFA, HED, ECECD, DOT, DPS, DHSEM, DoIT
- Tribal meetings
- ISP meetings mapping
- ISP meetings middle mile application support
- ISP meetings feedback for state broadband strategic plan
- ISP meetings coordinate and collaborate

#### **Coordination with Others – Learning Best Practices**

- Meeting with broadband offices from other states
- Federal Permitting Council Coordination
- National Governor's Association Coordination
- State Broadband Leadership Network Coordination

#### **Miscellaneous Work**

- NMSU and NMTech Coordination
- Legislative Interim Committee presentations/panels: Indian Affairs Committee, LFC, STTC
- Presentation to NM Technology in Education Conference
- Capital Outlay Expenditure Plan delivered \$7M funding



### **Capture Federal Funds and Awards**

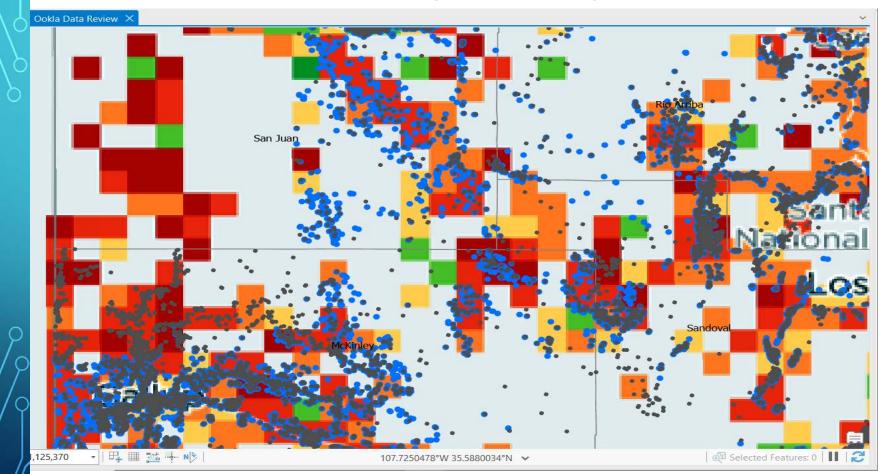
- ✓ Digital Equity Report submitted
- ✓ Middle Mile grant application submitted
- ✓ FCC Mapping Demonstration
- ✓ NTIA Coordination
- ✓ FCC Mapping Challenge Coordination
- ✓ State GIO is working to challenge the FCC broadband mapping; \$650M at stake



#### THE REASON WE'RE ALL HERE – GRANTS AWARDED

Awardee	Communities to be Served
Comcast Corporation	<ul> <li><u>Phase One:</u> Phase One: Anthony, Berino, Chamberino, La Mesa, Vado</li> <li><u>Phase Two</u>: Chaparral, La Union, Santa Teresa, Sunland Park</li> </ul>
Central New Mexico Electric Cooperative	Estancia, Mountainair
Ethos Broadband	Truth or Consequences, Williamsburg
Socorro Electric Corporative	Village of Magdalena

## FCC Mapping Challenge





## Questions?

