

A large satellite dish antenna is the central focus, set against a dramatic sunset sky with orange and purple hues. The dish is dark and detailed, showing its complex structure. The text is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font.

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# *PRESENTATION OVERVIEW*

- 2021 Legislative Session Bill Review
  - House Bill 10 (HB10)
  - Senate Bill 96 (SB93)
  
- Status of Broadband
  - Broadband Request for Proposals (RFP)
  - Broadband Operational Plan
  - Department of Information Technology (DoIT) - Public Education Department (PED) Collaboration
  - Governor's Office of Broadband Access and Expansion

## *2021 LEGISLATION - HB10*

- Enacting the Connect New Mexico Act
- Creating a 15-member Connect New Mexico Council (CNMC)
  - 5 Cabinet Secretaries
  - Director of Public School Facilities Authority
  - Director of New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority
  - 5 members of the public with broadband experience
  - 3 members appointed by Secretary of Indian Affairs
- Establishing duties for CNMC
- Establishing CNMC as a co-coordinator with the Department of Information Technology
- Establishing the Connect New Mexico Fund (CNMF) - \$100M
- Providing for Grants
- Requiring Reports
- Increasing the disbursement level for broadband from the PRC State Rural Universal Service Fund

# 2021 LEGISLATION – SB93

- Created Office of Broadband Access and Expansion (OBAAE)
  - Administratively attached to the Department of Information Technology
  
- Director appointed by the Governor
  - Director may hire staff as needed
  
- OBAAE Responsibilities
  - Establish standards for quality of service
  - Create broadband availability mapping
  - Create data repository
  - On or before January 1, 2022, develop statewide three-year statewide broadband plan
  - OBAAE shall implement the statewide plan

## *2021 LEGISLATION – SB93*

- OBAE Responsibilities continued –
  - OBAE shall provide technical and planning assistance to local governments, public educational institutions, state agencies, and tribal governments
  - May form an advisory committee to facilitate the collection of information and development of proposals for the statewide plan
  - OBAE shall identify federal and nongovernmental funding opportunities
  - State agencies and public educational institutions shall coordinate with OBAE for purchasing broadband and infrastructure using best value/bulk pricing
  - Create integrated system of permits, licenses and rules for right of way use applications

# *CURRENT STATUS - BROADBAND REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)*

- Goal: Establish a procurement vehicle to obtain services from the vendor community by establishing statewide price agreements
  - RFP Issued March 2021
  - Scope of Work
    - Category 1 – Conduct Feasibility Assessments, Technical and Strategic Planning
    - Category 2 – Grant writing services associated with applying for Federal funds
    - Category 3 – Broadband infrastructure construction of fiber optics and wireless
  - Awards expected by June 30
  - Four-year statewide agreements with an option to renew for four more years

## *CURRENT STATUS - BROADBAND OPERATIONAL PLAN*

- DoIT contracted with Deloitte for the development of a Broadband Operational Plan to facilitate detail requirements in HB10 and SB93
- Four-month contract term
- Benchmark analysis of Broadband Programs in 7 similar states
  - Colorado, Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, Minnesota and Montana
  - Key trends across selected states
- Identification of leading best practices in broadband deployment
  - Governance Roles and Responsibilities, Funding Opportunities, Granting Award Methodologies, Establishing Gating Criteria, Reporting Requirements, Mapping methodologies and strategies, and Establishing Prioritization Process

# *CURRENT STATUS - DoIT/PED COLLABORATION*

- DoIT has a major role in supporting PED with Yazzie-Martinez court order for the development, execution, and on-going support of internet connectivity for impacted students
- Strategic Components include:
  - Data analysis utilizing mapping
  - Connectivity determination and associated coordination with ISPs
  - Device acquisition, configuration, and deployment
  - Help Desk Technical Support



# ***CURRENT STATUS - GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BROADBAND ACCESS AND EXPANSION***

- Director of Broadband (SB93)
  - Governor's Office advertised position in March 2021
    - 6 candidates applied for the position
    - 2 candidates were interviewed
  - Governor decided to expand the search to a national-level
  - Selection of candidate early July 2021
  - Anticipated start date August 2021
- Governor's staff is working on a statewide technology strategy
  - Retired engineering executive from Boeing is leading discussions
  - Utilizing New Mexico based companies and products

***THANK YOU***

**QUESTIONS?**

