



ACCESSMENDO – MENDOCINO COUNTY

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- WillitsOnline / Rural Broadband Now!
 - History
 - Vision
- Mendocino County Needs
 - Affordability
 - Capacity
 - Reliability
- AccessMendo Project
 - Enable Broadband



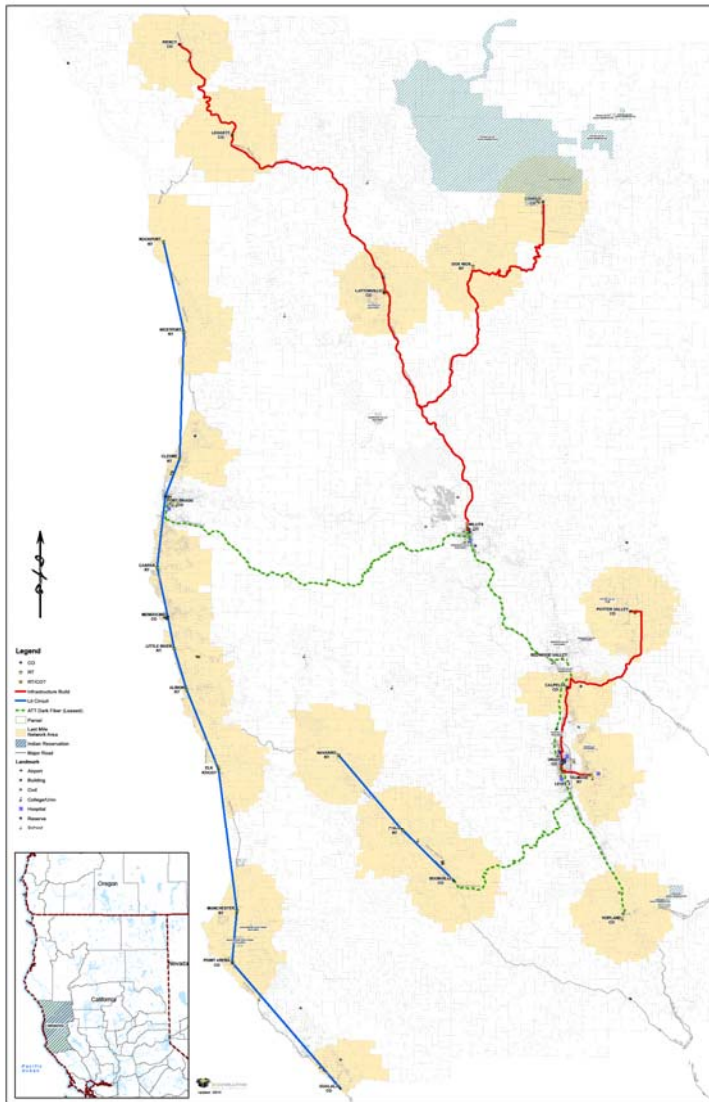
- Over 2,200 applicants asking for \$27 Billion
- Only 7.2 Billion available
 - NTIA
 - RUS
- All awards to be announced by end of February, 2010
- Lessons learned
 - Scale of project
 - Coastal area – Required substantial completion time frame
 - Support – Communities and Anchor Tenants



- NOFA issued January 2010
 - Applications due March 15, 2010
- NTIA – Middle-mile projects
 - Preference 70 % Grant /30% Equity
- RUS – Last-mile projects
 - Up to 75% Grant /25 % Loan/Equity
- Overall Key elements for both programs
 - Connect Rural Communities
 - Enable Existing Infrastructure
 - Provide affordable solution for Government, School, College and Tribal entities



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- Middle-mile project
- Scaled Project back (\$20 - \$24M)
- Enables Broadband at the new defined rates
 - Minimum 5MB (Combined)
 - Goal 20 MB (Combined)
- Not constructing Coastal Area
 - Cost and Time to completion
- Connecting Rural Communities
- Existing Infrastructure Utilization
- Wholesale Business Model
- Anchor Tenant:
 - Government
 - School Districts
 - Community Colleges
 - Tribal entities
- CASF Support



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- Overall Goal: Provide Mendocino County a reliable and affordable “WHOLESALE” broadband network reaching our disadvantaged communities

Request:

- Mendocino County “Endorse” the AccessMendo project.
- The input of the county on sites and locations it needs served with broadband, that can be realistically included in the plan.
- A letter signaling the support of the county board of supervisors, stating the benefits to the county and residents/businesses if the project is funded.
- The support of the board for an Industrial Development Bond as part of the project funding.



Questions & Answers

Thank you!

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