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Organization:	GovNET, LLC
Project Name:	SACCNNet – Arizona Critical Middle Mile
Project Type:	Comprehensive Community Infrastructure
State:	Arizona
Federal Award:	\$39,274,877

ABOUT THE PROJECT

Given the expansive, often difficult rural terrain across the state of Arizona, community-serving organizations like libraries and public schools often have difficulty accessing high-speed broadband services essential for education, commerce, and economic development. Leading a public-private partnership that brings together the the strategic planning support of the Arizona Government Information Technology Agency (GITA) with the State Library, the Department of Administration, and Internet service provider Telink, **GovNET** proposes a statewide microwave broadband network to support community anchor institutions and last-mile broadband service providers. The network will offer speeds of between 100-300 Mbpsto key anchor institutions such as Gila Community College, Copper Queen Community Hospital, Gila Bend and Mayer High Schools and Woodruff Community Library, a significant upgrade from the T1 service many key institutions currently have. Network interconnection is also being planned and facilitated by GITA and other state leaders with BTOP Round One infrastructure awardee The Navajo Nation and other tribal networks. The resulting statewide broadband network should significantly improve public safety, healthcare delivery, and other critical government services for the people of Arizona.

SACCNNet also proposes to:

- Construct 316 new microwave towers to expand services across a total of more than 8,400 miles in each of the state's 15 counties.
- Facilitate more affordable and accessible broadband service for an estimated 481,000 households and over 25,000 businesses by enabling local Internet service providers to utilize the project's open network.
- Enable broadband connectivity to as many as 280 anchor institutions, including 15 public safety entities, 82 K-12 public schools, 115 libraries, 14 community colleges, three additional institutions of higher education, 26 healthcare providers, and 26 state and local government facilities.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

GovNET, LLC is a specialized telecommunications provider committed to data integrity, secure high capacity transmissions, and customized network connections at affordable rates. The company, which partners on this project with Telink Networks SW, focuses on the specific needs of local, state, and federal agency communications seeking security and reliability.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Arizona Government Information Technology Agency
- Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records
- Arizona County Supervisors Association
- Arizona Association of County School Superintendents
- Arizona Departments of Administration and Emergency & Military Affairs
- University of Arizona
- Arizona Health-e Connection
- Telink Networks SW

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