

Public Notice Submission

Provider Name: Colorado Communications Transport, LLC

Summary: ___ Colorado Communications Transport, LLC (CCT) is a consortium of 11 companies providing communications services in northeast Colorado. CCT leases fiber facilities from its member companies to form a fiber optic ring network. The member companies currently have approximately 600 mi of fiber dedicated to CCT, and another 150 mi scheduled for construction in 2010. CCT will provide Ethernet and switched circuit transport for customers over this network. The network extends from the internet core in downtown Denver east to Bennett, with interconnections at Roggen, Wiggins, Briggsdale, Nunn, Grover, Stoneham, Willard, Peetz, Sterling, Holyoke, Eckley, Joes, Anton, Hugo and Agate Colorado. Additional points of access may be constructed if customer needs are identified.

___ CCT Member companies have fiber optic, copper and wireless facilities that extend outward from this fiber optic ring, creating access for residential, business, institutional and Critical Community Anchors through a large portion of northeast Colorado. The CCT fiber optic ring provides a connection between Tier 1 internet providers at the Carrier Hotel at 910 15th Street in downtown Denver and the local aggregation equipment located at the central offices of the CCT member companies. By the end of 2010, the CCT ring will incorporate DWDM equipment capable of expanding to carry a minimum of 32 wavelengths, each with a capacity of 10 GB. CCT will utilize one wavelength for legacy SONET technologies, with the remainder available for Ethernet carriers.

___ CCT member companies currently provide, or have the immediate capability to provide, broadband services to all 18 schools and school district offices within their respective service areas. CCT member companies also currently provide voice and data services to other Critical Community Anchors, businesses and residents in these same service areas.

___ CCT is willing to partner, share facilities, combine resources or collaborate on ARRA Broadband Stimulus applications. The only Round 2 BTOP applicant that CCT is aware in this area is the Centennial Board of Cooperative Educational Services (CBOCES). CCT has engaged in several meetings with the management of CBOCES to discuss possible synergies. CCT is

not privy to the content of the CBOCES application and does not know whether CBOCES intends to utilize the CCT infrastructure or if CBOCES intends to overbuild the existing network with new and duplicate facilities.

___ CCT is enthusiastic about providing transport and local distribution for schools and other critical community facilities, but is opposed to the use of federal stimulus funding to create an independent fiber infrastructure which would duplicate the middle mile transport services provided with the CCT fiber ring. CCT anticipates that capital leases may be the appropriate solution to provide broadband services to critical facilities.