

## Public Notice Submission

**Provider Name:** PalmettoNet Inc

**Summary:** The request of any applicant to build facilities in PalmettoNet's service area should not be considered for funding because, as shown in the attached worksheet, PalmettoNet currently provides sufficient high-speed, transport services throughout South Carolina. Moreover, funding of this application would overbuild existing transport infrastructure. Funding of Middle Mile projects by NTIA is unnecessary because facilities are already in place to provide services to anchor institutions located within the area, and most, if not all, are already receiving services at speeds of their choosing. As a wholesale carrier, Palmettonet currently offers extensive point-to-point and point-to-multipoint bandwidth services to locations throughout the state. With a 2,500 mile fiber-optic network, transport offerings from 1.5 Mbps (T1) to 10 Gbps (LAN PHY) rates are available between more than 50 POP locations. We also offer co-location services in major cities including Greenville, Clemson, Anderson, Spartanburg, Columbia, and Florence. In addition, PalmettoNet has worked with major state institutions such as Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, and the Medical University of South Carolina to create a high-speed (30 Gbps with capacity up to 160 Gbps) backbone network directly between their facilities for advanced research purposes. Please refer to the completed Points of Presence worksheet which illustrates where middle mile services are available throughout our service territory.