



North Florida Broadband Authority  
*Expanding Access to Broadband Throughout North Florida*

# Our Region Tomorrow Presentation

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## **Dream to Reality: How It Got Done**

### **Key Players and Factors**

- North Florida Economic Development Partnership (NFEDP)
- Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC)-14-counties in rural North Florida
- Federal Broadband Funding and Grant Development Team
- Creation of North Florida Broadband Authority (NFBA)



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## The Grant

- \$39.4 million total;
- \$9.2 million in-kind contributions;
- \$30.1 million awarded February 18, 2010

99% of funds required for Capital Infrastructure



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## What is Project?

- New **Middle Mile Broadband infrastructure;**
- Extend high speed internet backbone capacity direct and through last-mile providers;
- Serves vital anchor institutions (public safety, hospitals, public health, libraries, schools, major employers, etc.);
- Private sector commercial customers;
- Ultimately, all residents in region.



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## NFBA – Capacity

- Within 2 years, 1 Gbps capacity in region
- Initial offerings 300-600 mgbps
- Over 9,100 Square Miles
- 154,000 households
- 26,893 businesses
- 1,573 critical facilities
- 265 health care entities





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## **Next Step/Challenges**

- Broadband Education/Awareness/Adoption
- Integrated in Marketing of Regional Economic Development
- Job Training and Skilled Workforce
- Long-term: Quality of Life/Community Benchmarks