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**Organization:** Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet)

**Project Name:** NoaNet BB Infrastructure Project

**Project Type:** Infrastructure

**State(s):** Washington

**Federal Award:** \$84,347,997

**ABOUT THE PROJECT**

The NoaNet project proposes to enhance education and health care access for residents across Washington State by expanding an existing high-speed network with an additional 830 miles of fiber and eight new microwave sites. The expanded network is expected to directly connect 123 anchor institutions in 18 counties, and deliver new and enhanced broadband capabilities to some of the more remote regions of the state. Specifically, the project plans to provide speeds of at least 100 Mbps to 57 libraries, 22 government facilities, 38 medical centers, two tribal service centers, and four community colleges. The project expects to connect the Jamestown S'Klallam tribal center, library and clinic; the Shoalwater tribal center and clinic; and provide connection opportunities for the Makah tribal center and clinic.

The NoaNet project also proposes to:

- Spur more affordable access to broadband Internet services for approximately 380,000 households, 18,000 businesses, and 1,300 anchor institutions by enabling last mile providers to connect to the project's open network. Eleven local Internet providers have already expressed interest in using the expanded network to provide new services.
- Greatly enhance healthcare delivery in the state by connecting many of the state's hospitals and clinics to each other and to remote diagnostic imaging, lab and health services.
- Enable libraries in rural communities to provide broadband access to the public, enhancing commerce, education, research, and consumer health.

**ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY**

Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) is a non-profit corporation owned by 12 not-for-profit public utility districts and one joint operating agency providing broadband and wholesale network services to last mile providers. For more than 10 years, NoaNet has operated a network that now includes 1,831 fiber miles, supporting 61 last mile providers that serve more than 260,000 customers.

**PROJECT PARTNERS**

- Association of Washington Public Health Districts
- Black Rock Cable
- Clallam Public Utility District
- Franklin County Public Utility District
- Inland Northwest Health Services
- Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe
- Makah Tribe
- Pacific County Public Utility District
- Pacific Northwest GigaPoP
- Port of Whitman County
- Sawtooth Technologies
- South Central WorkSource
- Washington State Department of Health
- Washington State Library
- Yakima County

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