

Broadband USA Applications Database

Applicant Name: GovNET LLC

Public Notice Submissions

-----**Service Area:** Quartzsite-Library

Submitter: TDS Telecom

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-----**Service Area:** Douglas-Schools/Library/Hospitals

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Submitter: TableTop Telephone Company

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Submitter: South Central Utah Telephone Association

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-----**Service Area:** Beaver Dam-School

Submitter: Rio Virgin Telephone & Cablevision dba Reliance Co

Comment: Rio Virgin provides broadband service in 100% of the proposed funded service area that overlaps our Arizona customer base. Broadband is available with a minimum 3 Mbps download speed to 100% of our customer base.