Ogden City has much more excitement than what you'd find in a typical mountain town. This is the place Al Capone said was too wild for his taste in the 1920s. Even though we've replaced the 1920s activities with high adventure, skiing, climbing, kayaking, and mountain biking, Ogden's soul will always be a bit rowdy. Ogden City and its residents have been passionate about the recent rebirth of our city. Facilitating an economic resurgence has been at the forefront of the city's agenda. Ogden gains its identity from the natural assets that make it a truly unique and remarkable city: proximity to the Wasatch Mountains nestled in the foothills; a well-defined downtown area; and a river meandering through the city. Ogden, Utah, is the world's High Adventure Capitol - a place where cutting edge industry wants to do business and adventure seekers want to call home. 'By working hard, you get to play hard guilt-free.' - Jim Rohn The City has been focusing on new retail, housing, entertainment, office space and restaurants. The downtown district has seen a renaissance of economic reinvestment, promoting a mixed-use community. With the help of aggressive business incentives, more than fifteen corporations from the ski industry have relocated their facilities to Ogden, along with a myriad of other companies related to high adventure sports and activities. Blighted neighborhoods along the river are being transformed into a unique urban area, The Ogden River Project, with a mixture of public open space, a river walk, urban housing, retail, entertainment, offices, and transportation elements. This project will expand broadband access and capacity to community institutions and organizations through direct fiber connects and/or the use of ISP partners. These community anchor institutions include, but are not limited to: Ogden City Corporation, Ogden City Police Department, Business Depot Ogden, Ogden City Fire Department, Ogden City Public Services, Weber County Jail, Weber County Dispatch, Ogden/Weber Community Action Partnership (includes Head Start and programs targeting low-income), Big Brothers/ Big Sisters Program, Weber County Library (provides a Public Computer Center and computer related training), Golden Hours Center (serves seniors, provides a Public Computer center and computer related training), Applied Technology Center (provides job-training programs and job-related instruction), Ogden City School District - including 21 schools, Utah Division of Workforce Services (provides assistance job to seekers, job-training, and job-related instruction), Weber County Mental Health, Weber County Health Department, Midtown Community Health Clinic, Planned Parenthood, McKay-Dee Hospital, Ogden Clinic, Charter schools (Ogden Preparatory Academy, Middle Ogden Preparatory Academy, DaVinci High School), Your Community Connection, Weber State University, WIC program, Utah State Government Public Safety Department, Weber County Emergency Management, State of Utah Human Services, Ogden Nature Center, Ogden Arts, Downtown Ogden Inc., Historic 25th Street Association, Utah School for the Deaf and Blind, and the Chamber of Commerce. This project will
expand broadband access and capacity to 26.6 square miles of Ogden, Utah through direct fiber connects and/or the use of Internet Service Provider (ISP) partners. This includes 81,605 individuals, 27,384 households, 18,402 families, 5,900 businesses, and at least 86 identified community anchor institutions. Ogden demographics shows that population density is 2,899.2 people per square mile. Racial makeup is 62.01% white, 2.31% African American, 1.2% Native American, 1.43% Asian, 0.17% Pacific Islander, 12.95% from other races, and 2.93% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race are 27.5% of the population. The median income for a household in the city is $34,047. 19.4% of the population is below poverty level. By creating a citywide system of improved internet service and offering it at affordable prices, the income limiting factors are decreased. The state of Utah has a strong reputation for developing and adopting new and innovative technologies. Part of these innovative technologies is the growth of the basic infrastructure using fiber-optic cable. The United States average cost per month for 1 mbps is $3.33, with the United States ranked 12th in the world for average broadband speeds. However, Utah's average cost per month for 1 mbps is significantly higher than the national average at $9.83. Affordable broadband is now considered a necessity. National studies indicate that broadband is a powerful and flexible tool for work, news, health care, entertainment, personal finances, social networking and interactions with government. It has been identified as crucial in assisting unemployed individuals with finding a job. It has been shown to improve productivity of workers who stay connected to work while at home. The CCI Grant will focus on Middle Mile broadband infrastructure projects that will offer Ogden City new or substantially upgraded service to community anchor institutions. It will incorporate a public-private partnership among governments, non-profit and for-profit entities, and other key community stakeholders. The Grant will bolster growth in economically distressed areas and serve public safety entities. The Ogden City Team has been involved in several complex and technical projects throughout the city. These include the implementation of software for the police department’s facial recognition and fingerprinting services; a technology upgrade of a fire station, in which traditional dispatching was converted to digital color coded automated dispatching, reducing response time significantly; installation of technology, software, and hardware for video teleconferencing training between fire stations; a revamp of the entire Ogden City network; an upgrade of the utility management system, and other projects. Ogden City will apply for the Comprehensive Community Infrastructure Grant and will ask for the following infrastructure: 1) 36 miles of fiber-optic cable to create a fiber mesh 2) Create a secure connection to 26 local Public Safety Sites 3) Create a secure connection to all State, Federal, and Public Safety Networks 4) Multiple fiber strands 5) 33 8ft by 8ft access points 6) 3 Internet Service Providers POPs 7) Middle Mile broadband infrastructure for local businesses The Ogden Fiber Foundation Committee will be created after award of the CCI Grant, and will be comprised of 10 members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the advice and consent of the City Council. The members shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council and Mayor in all matters pertaining to Ogden City owned fiber, either in or connecting to Ogden City, specifically including, but not limiting itself to the following: 1) The use and leasing of Ogden City owned fiber-optic networks 2) The security and availability of the network 3) The continued growth of the Ogden City fiber-optic network through fiber trades 4) Open access to all ISPs and businesses on the Ogden City fiber-optic paths This project will create a citywide broadband public safety network that will enhance the emergency response services available and create a stronger, more reliable response system. The citywide public safety network will then be connected securely to all state, federal, and public safety
networks to improve their efficiency, visibility, and ability to instantly collaborate with other agencies. The need to access and share this information is vital to prevent or respond to incidents that harm or endanger persons or property. Additionally, this project will provide fiber infrastructure to economically distressed areas. Facilitating an economic resurgence has been at the forefront of Ogden City's agenda. Potential businesses that would bolster economic growth and provide employment to residents overlook Ogden City because of the lack of fiber infrastructure in business parks, economically distressed areas, and downtown Ogden. The availability of this technology is critical to attracting business and development within the community. Ogden City is requesting $7,193,656 to build this fiber infrastructure. It is estimated that approximately 78.08 job-years will be created due to this project. Without the CCI Grant, these services will not be provided in the foreseeable future. Ogden City and its residents have been passionate about the recent rebirth of our city and with this funding we can continue this growth and development.