The City of Garrett will utilize a Middle Mile Broadband infrastructure project to improve communication services between all divisions of local government; improve cost and reliability of public safety through shared information resources, provide connectivity to community anchor institutions, improve reliability and efficiency of electric, sewer and water utilities, and further differentiate the community by having the ability for expanded wide fiber optic infrastructure for the residents. Garrett, Indiana is located in DeKalb County in the northeast corner of the state. The city has a population of 5,803. The Middle Mile service area of the fiber infrastructure will pass 543 households and 139 businesses, focusing on the 52 community anchor institutions and public safety entities. These include: Schools (10) Library Medical & Healthcare Providers (8) Public Safety Entities (2) Institutes of Higher Education (1) Other Community Support Organizations (12) Other Government Facilities (18) Garrett is in full compliance with the spirit and letter of the BTOP and BIP requirements for interconnection and non-discrimination. The entire community including CCIs, businesses and residences were considered when sizing the mainline fiber cables. The physical plant is sized such that other business and residential subscribers can be easily supported without expensive rework to the mainline construction of this project. The network consists of only dark fiber. Garrett will own and maintain the outside plant facilities and charge a lease rate to providers wanting to use the dark fiber network. An agreement has been made between Garrett and Auburn Essential Services (AES), a neighboring municipally owned ISP, for AES to provide the services at the retail level and pay a monthly lease rate for the use of Garrett's dark fiber. AES will provide several services including Broadband Internet access up to 100Mb/s, On Network Private Data Circuits up to 1,000Mb/s, off site data storage and disaster recovery, and co-location services at the existing AES Data Center. This solution offers the most service, scalability and reliability to the people of Garrett. Garrett is anticipating a 45% subscriber take rate, based on actual data from AES in the City of Auburn. Garrett, classified as a City or Township Government, has developed a project that addresses all seven items included in the CCI Priority Checklist with a Middle Mile infrastructure. The city has developed a project budget that incorporates a 42.7% match in funds. Total project budget: $567,912 Federal Grant Request: $325,295 City Match: $242,617. Garrett is projecting 3 indirect jobs created and 4 induced jobs from this project. These figures are derived in accordance with the Council of Economic Advisors guidelines of May, 2009.