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Organization:	Level 3 EON, LLC
Project Name:	Expanding Broadband Access Across Texas
Project Type:	Infrastructure
State(s):	Texas
Federal Award:	\$4,677,788

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Expanding Broadband Access Across Texas project proposes to build 17 new access points on Level 3's existing broadband network to enable last mile providers to offer affordable high-speed services to underserved areas. The additional points of interconnection will offer broadband speeds between 50 Mbps and 10 Gbps on an open and nondiscriminatory basis to last mile Internet service providers. Similar to on-ramps to the interstate highway system, these points of interconnection enable last mile providers to transport data to the Internet backbone and provide affordable service to anchor institutions, homes, and businesses. The project could enhance broadband capabilities for as many as 400,000 households, 21,000 businesses, and 214 community anchor institutions, including schools, government agencies, and healthcare providers.

The Expanding Broadband Access Across Texas project also proposes to:

- Install new access points in underserved areas between Fort Worth and the Texas-Oklahoma border, Dallas and the Texas-Arkansas-Louisiana borders, and between San Antonio and El Paso.
- Facilitate medical records management, telemedicine, distance learning, and counseling, and allow public safety entities to access Level 3 E-911 Direct services.
- Provide access to the Internet2 high capacity research network that serves colleges and universities.

ORGANIZATION'S HISTORY

Level 3 EON is a subsidiary of Level 3 Communications, Inc., a publicly traded for-profit corporation headquarter in Broomfield, Colorado. Level 3 Communications is a Worldwide Tier 1 Internet backbone carrier with more than 81,000 miles of fiber in its network, and an experienced federal, state, and local contractor that provides broadband and other telecommunications services. The company also operates one of the world's largest Internet backbones, connecting more than 231 metropolitan markets across 21 countries.

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