Fiber Consulting Program

Our Fiber Consulting Program helps states get fiber-optic connections to those school districts that currently lack access. We provide technical and procurement support from identification all the way through implementation in order to close the K-12 fiber gap across the state.

Fiber-optic connections are the only broadband connections that can affordably deliver fast network speeds today and scale cost-effectively to meet schools’ growing bandwidth needs for the future. In fact, 98% of all schools in the country require a fiber connection in order to support robust technology use for teaching and learning. For that reason, the Federal Communications Commission created an unprecedented four-year opportunity through E-rate to connect all schools to fiber. Now is the time to take advantage of these new federal funds and act to close the fiber gap in your state.

Steps of a Fiber Consulting Program

I. Identify schools without fiber
   We use data to identify all schools in the state that do not currently have access to fiber or a fiber equivalent.

II. Research technical solutions and funding options
   We identify service providers and fiber construction companies that can offer solutions and we support districts in analyzing funding options to take advantage of those solutions.

III. Develop an upgrade plan
   We use the information gathered in stage two to develop an upgrade plan for all schools that are not on fiber.

IV. Support implementation
   We help our state partners and their districts run an effective procurement process and provide coaching and oversight on fiber implementation.

State Commitment

- Project champion appointed by the governor
- Project manager at the state level who can gather alignment and support communications to districts
- Signed MOU with EducationSuperHighway

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