

# ARRA Broadband Investment Michigan's Strategic Framework

## PLANNING CONSORTIUM

- ✓ MDIT
- ✓ MDOT
- ✓ MDE
- ✓ DELEG
- ✓ MEDC
- ✓ MPSC
- ✓ The Library of Michigan
- ✓ Michigan State University
- ✓ Executive-on-loan (CISCO)
- ✓ Convergent Technologies
- ✓ Significant inputs from other local government and service provider communities

## RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Working to unify stakeholders to strategically secure as much of the federal stimulus funding for Michigan as possible
- ✓ Informational meeting with broadband providers held in early July to review Round 1 funding requirements
- ✓ Ongoing awareness presentations before individuals and organizations across the state—more than one hundred sessions held thus far

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) will make \$7.2 billion available nationally for competitive grants to improve broadband services. From this, \$4.7 billion will be awarded by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration in grants for building broadband infrastructure, increasing public computer center capacity, funding sustainable broadband adoption programs, and implementing detailed state broadband mapping. Also, the Rural Utilities Service will be utilizing the remaining \$2.5 billion for broadband infrastructure build in the form of loans, loan/grant combinations, and grants.

## Project Status

On July 1, the federal government handed down guidelines for Round One (of three) for the broadband grants under the stimulus package. The goal of this project is to bring broadband and/or wireless Internet service to unserved and underserved areas throughout the state. Over \$2 billion is available in this first round, with billions available later. The application process for this phase is highly detailed with a fast-approaching deadline of August 14.

## Collaborative Efforts Statewide

The State is currently working to pair up broadband providers, local counties and communities to wire areas throughout the entire state and ensure local needs are met. While Michigan is not submitting a combined proposal for the entire state during this initial round, the State is coordinating among providers to ensure projects align with the broadband vision and to maximize the number of Michigan proposals funded.

## Michigan's Vision

The vision of the State of Michigan is to provide broadband coverage to every corner of the state:

- \* Expanding and upgrading broadband service to unserved/underserved
- \* Transforming Michigan's economy and technology infrastructure
- \* Ensuring government efficiency
- \* Strengthening public safety and homeland security

*The more we are able to unify our efforts,  
the greater value we will be able to add for  
Michigan's citizens and businesses*

## MILESTONES

- \* **January:** Initiated stakeholder outreach
- \* **July 1:** Federal requirements released
- \* **July:** Implementing communications plan with Michigan Recovery Office
- \* **August 14:** ARRA deadline for infrastructure, adoption, and public computer center accessibility applications, as well as state broadband mapping
- \* **Ongoing:** Adoption and deployment planing to build out public accessibility in partnership with Michigan State University

For additional information, and/or to receive updates on broadband activities please visit [www.michigan.gov/broadband](http://www.michigan.gov/broadband)

