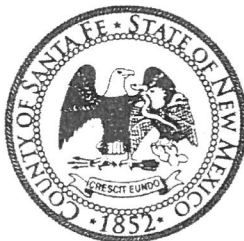


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MEMORANDUM

Date: September 26, 2017

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Chris Hyer, Economic Development Manager 

Via: Penny Ellis-Green, Growth Management Director
Katherine Miller, County Manager

Item: **Presentation and Report from Crestino, LLC on Current State of Broadband**

SUMMARY:

The purpose of this presentation is to fulfill a requirement of a contract between Santa Fe County and Crestino, LLC (Crestino) regarding broadband and its expansion. The contract lists three different times this contractor is to address the commission. This is the first presentation and will be a report on what broadband assets exist within the County. A copy of their report is included in the packet.

BACKGROUND:

On May 30th, 2017, Santa Fe County entered into a PSA with Crestino for professional services related to broadband within the County. Deliverables for this contract include a report and presentation (included in the packet) to the BCC on identifying the various types of technologies used for broadband coverage within the County. After this presentation, the contractor is to develop a draft broadband policy of how the identified technologies can be used together to create better broadband coverage in the County - and this will be presented to the BCC. After the BCC has considered the proposed policy and accepted it, the contractor will devise an implementation strategy of how this policy is to be used to increase broadband coverage.

The report provides a detailed view of the current technologies and how they provide coverage. The report further shows samples of coverage for different communities in the County, but suggests that the quality of the coverage is minimal at best. A suggestion is made that the County increase use of an underutilized Santa Fe County asset - REDI Net. REDI Net is the fiber optic backbone that is part of a system owned by signatures to a Joint Powers Agreement that includes Santa Fe, Rio Arriba and Los Alamos counties, the City of Espanola, the four pueblos in Santa Fe County and the Pueblo of Santa Clara.

Action Requested:

This is an informational presentation only. No action is requested.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A – County Broadband Availability Current Status

Exhibit B – County Broadband Availability Current Status (Presentation Slides)