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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Establishing Broadband Responsibilities in the Governor's Office of Information Technology

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the authority vested in the Office of the Governor, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order establishing broadband responsibilities in the Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT).

I. Background and Purpose

One of the primary shifts of the 21st century has been the way individuals and businesses communicate and interact with each other and the rest of the world. The continued expansion of Internet-based technologies combined with the wireless revolution has altered the foundation of communications. This movement has made the availability of broadband Internet access a fundamental requirement for communities large and small. Broadband access is increasingly becoming a foundation for economic development, community engagement, and service delivery.

Unfortunately, many Colorado communities, citizens and businesses lack the broadband infrastructure required for them to grow and compete. The landscape and geography that makes Colorado so unique also creates significant challenges in upgrading the infrastructure required to enable our individual communities to reach their goals. While many communities have developed specific solutions to their needs, we must address this issue in a truly comprehensive manner to be successful.

The Governor's Office of Information Technology (OIT) is charged with overseeing and coordinating broadband activity across State agencies. This executive order formalizes OIT's role of broadband oversight, coordination and accountability for State agencies. The state is committed to ensuring broadband access to as many Coloradans as possible and seeks to centralize the coordination and accountability for the State's broadband plan under a single entity.

II. Declaration and Directives

The Governor's Office of Information Technology is hereby formally directed to oversee and coordinate broadband activity across State agencies.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order of the Governor.



GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this sixteenth day of
August, 2012.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "John W. Hickenlooper".

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor