



Nevada Broadband Taskforce Talking Points

1. NHA has responded to a request from the NTIA for a Corrective Action Plan in order to address NTIA's concerns over the funding for the non-federal match and the construction timeline.
 - a. ATN/Commnet of Nevada has provided a letter of intent to become the new sub-recipient of the grant replacing e-Care of Nevada
 - b. We have requested an extension to complete construction of the project to September 30, 2012
 - c. We are still awaiting a response from NTIA as to the sufficiency of our plan

2. NHA, e-Care and ATN have been in discussions for the last several weeks to work out the details of the transition from e-Care to the new sub recipient

3. We feel that the new entity will be far stronger financially and operationally than before. We are very excited to be working with ATN and Commnet personnel who have a real commitment to rural broadband development and valuable experience in rural healthcare networks.
 - a. Commnet and NHA have met with the Governor's office, State Legislators, and a number of members of this task force to discuss our plans moving forward
 - b. We believe there is significant political and customer support for the project and that it is economically viable once completed.

4. Thanks to input from Commnet we have made several network modifications that we believe will better serve rural Nevada.
 - a. Added new CAI's in Douglas, and Washoe County, as well as added the Yerington Paiute Tribe
 - b. Reduced the amount of grant spending in urban Las Vegas
 - c. Put in place plans to build out the I-80 corridor using non-grant funds to improve access from Reno all the way to Wendover

5. There are still several hurdles to get over before the NTIA approves the release of further funds, but we feel that we have taken the steps necessary to make that happen.