

## Public Notice Submission

**Provider Name:** PC Telcorp dba. PC Telcom

**Summary:** PC Telcom, the corporate umbrella for Phillips County Telephone Company (PCTC), Phillips County Communications, LLC (PCC, LLC) and PC Telcorp, Inc (Telcorp) is a small, progressive, corporation providing broadband Internet access ranging from 768 kbps down to 6 Mbps down to the residents, businesses and anchor institutions throughout northeastern Colorado. Located in Holyoke, Colorado PC Telcom has invested heavily in network infrastructure and facilities to provide broadband services to the neighboring communities of Fleming, Haxtun, Ovid, Julesburg and was recently awarded a Broadband Community Connect grant to provide broadband services to the community of Sedgwick. PC Telcom's anchor institutions include all secondary schools, virtually all county government offices, hospitals and other health care facilities. Two schools are currently taking advantage of download speeds of 6 Mbps, with other large businesses subscribing to 3 Mbps service. In addition to Internet access at broadband speeds, PC Telcom also provides state-of-the-art Ethernet services to business customers at affordable rates. PC Telcom is a partner in Colorado Communications Transport, LLC (CCT) a consortium of 11 companies providing communication services to northeast Colorado. The CCT fiber optic ring provides a connection between Tier 1 Internet providers at the Carrier Hotel at 910 15th Street in downtown Denver and the local aggregation equipment located at the central offices of the CCT member companies. PC Telcom currently links 11 schools together for a distance learning program for the Northeastern Board of Cooperative Educational Services (NEBOCES). Centennial Board of Cooperative Educational Services (CBOCES), in conjunction with NEBOCES has applied for Round 2 BTOP funding. CCT has engaged in several meetings with CBOCES to discuss possible synergies. CCT is willing to partner, share facilities, combine resources or collaborate with ARRA Broadband Stimulus applicants. While not privy to the content of the CBOCES application, CCT does not know if CBOCES intends to use the CCT infrastructure or if CBOCES intends to overbuild the existing network with new and duplicate facilities. PC Telcom, as evidenced by our existing arrangement with NEBOCES, is enthusiastic about providing transport and local distribution for schools and other critical community facilities, but is opposed to the use of federal stimulus funding to create an independent transport infrastructure which would duplicate the middle mile transport services provided by the CCT fiber ring. PC Telcom anticipates that capital leases may be the appropriate solution to provide broadband services to communities that have sufficient broadband capabilities at reasonable pricing.