Public-Private Partnerships and Broadband and Smart City Deployment

This month, the BroadbandUSA website will highlight successful public-private partnerships in deploying broadband and smart city initiatives, with a focus on just a few examples of how a difference in access is being made across the country.

In southern Maryland, the Fiber One Fiber Group, named for the Internet companies as a medium to a well, is a broadband service provider that partners with investors to bring fiber-optic networks to small towns and cities. The company recently announced a plan to connect 200,000 households by 2020, with a focus on bringing high-speed internet to rural areas.

In Wisconsin, the City of Milwaukee is working with a local university and a private company to create a smart city initiative that will use broadband to improve public safety, economic development, and energy management. The city has partnered with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and a private firm to develop a comprehensive plan that includes a wide range of initiatives aimed at improving the city’s quality of life.

In Missouri, the St. Louis Metropolitan Area is working with the state government to develop a plan for deploying broadband infrastructure. The city has partnered with a local university and a private company to create a broadband network that will connect all residents and businesses to the internet. The city also has a comprehensive plan for using broadband to improve public safety, economic development, and energy management.

In California, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power is working with a local university and a private company to create a smart city initiative that will use broadband to improve public safety, economic development, and energy management. The city has partnered with the University of California Los Angeles and a private firm to develop a comprehensive plan that includes a wide range of initiatives aimed at improving the city’s quality of life.

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