

Table 5: Partners

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California Department of Technology (CDT) <sup>24</sup>	<p>CDT oversees the coordination and implementation of the Broadband for All program and initiatives through the California Broadband Council, which it chairs.</p> <p>Per the Action Plan, CDT leads statewide efforts to enhance permitting at all levels of government, leverage State contracting vehicles, leads efforts to promote and track adoption of low-cost service options and the Affordable Connectivity Plan, developed and manage a multi-level network of digital inclusion entities in the state, developed and maintains the State's Broadband For All Portal and provides guidance to State departments and agencies to incorporate broadband into their strategic plans.</p> <p>As directed by SB 156, CDT (through its Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy) is overseeing the acquisition and management of contracts for development, construction, operation, and maintenance of the Middle-Mile Broadband Network, and has retained a Third-Party Administrator (TPA) to manage the construction and operation of the network. CDT has also created the nine-member Middle-Mile Advisory Committee to monitor the project.<sup>25</sup></p> <p>Per Assembly Bill 2750, CDT is the State's Digital Equity Entity responsible for preparing the State's Digital Equity Plan administering the Digital Equity program.</p>
California Department of Education (CDE)	<p>CDE is a member of the California Broadband Council and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).</p>

<sup>24</sup> “About,” CDT, <https://cdt.ca.gov/about/>.

<sup>25</sup> “Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative,” Broadband for All, <https://broadbandforall.cdt.ca.gov/middle-mile-broadband-initiative/>.

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California State Library (CSL)	<p>CSL is a member of the California Broadband Council and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).</p> <p>CSL conducts extensive digital equity initiatives in the State, including a Digital Navigator Program and California Library Connect, a high-speed broadband infrastructure program aimed at connecting all California libraries to gigabit speeds.</p>
California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)	<p>Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).</p> <p>Per Action Item 15 of the Broadband for All Action Plan, HCD leads the effort to leverage existing Housing and Community Development programs to provide free broadband service for tenants in newly built housing and publicly subsidized units.</p>
Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz)	<p>Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).</p> <p>Per Action Item 2 of the Broadband for All Action Plan, Go-Biz leads the effort to Identify alternative financing opportunities with government and philanthropic partners to maximize funding for new infrastructure.</p>

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California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA)	<p>CalSTA is a Broadband Council member and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Per Action Items 4 and 5 CalSTA was directed to and completed the development a statewide Dig Smart policy and improved State encroachment permitting processes and rights-of-way management.<sup>26</sup></p> <p>The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) within CalSTA will also work with the Third-Party Administrator to manage construction of the Middle-Mile Broadband Network along State highways and rights-of-way.</p>
Department of General Services (DGS)	<p>DGS is a member of the California Broadband Council and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion). Per Action Item 7, DGS is leading the State's effort to identify State property for possible use for broadband infrastructure.</p>
California Office of Emergency Services (OES)	<p>OES is a member of the California Broadband Council and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses). Per Action Item 8, OES Regularly coordinates and convenes with jurisdictions implementing next-generation 9-1-1 to expand broadband infrastructure.</p>

<sup>26</sup> “Wired Broadband Facilities on State Highway Right of Way,” Caltrans, <https://dot.ca.gov/programs/design/wired-broadband>.

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California Department of Aging (CDA)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion). Per Action Item 15, CDA leads the effort to analyze the needs of the aging population for access to affordable, reliable, high-speed broadband, and identify programmatic and partnership opportunities to meet these needs.
California Government Operations Agency (GovOps)	GovOps is the parent agency to CDT and many executive branch entities and provides advice and guidance on the State's Broadband for All program.
California Department of Public Health (CDPH)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).  CDPH is a member of the Statewide Digital Equity Planning and Implementation Group.
California Department of Social Services (DSS)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).  DSS is a member of the Statewide Digital Equity Planning and Implementation Group.

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California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA)	CDFA is a member of the California Broadband Council and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).
California Labor and Workforce Development Agency (LWDA)	LWDA is a member of the Statewide Digital Equity Planning and Implementation Group and supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).
<u>California Workforce Development Board</u>	Supports workforce development support and innovation, policy development, and driven by objectives from California's Unified Strategic State Plan to foster skills attainment programs, enable upward mobility for all Californians and coordinating programs and services to this end. The Workforce Development Board administers the "High Road Training Partnerships" initiatives designed to develop partnerships strategies for industry-based, worker-focused training and skills building programs that promote innovation and investment in human capital.
Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).
California Natural Resources Agency (CNRA)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan and plays a key role in Action Item 6 to enhance permitting processes at all levels of government.

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California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal EPA)	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan.
California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency	Supports the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan. Responsibilities include Goal 1 (All Californians have high-performance broadband available at home, schools, libraries, and businesses), Goal 2 (All Californians have access to affordable broadband and the devices necessary to access the internet), and Goal 3 (All Californians can access training and support to enable digital inclusion).
University of California	The University of California improves the lives of people in California and around the world through world-class educational opportunities, groundbreaking research, top-rated health care and agricultural expertise. UC consists of ten campuses, six academic health centers, three research laboratories, and 294,309 students. UC was a significant contributor in the joint Digital Equity and BEAD planning process and will be a critical implementation partner.
California State University (CSU)	The nation's most diverse four-year university—ethnically, economically and academically—consists of 23 campuses and educates nearly 460,000 students annually. CSU was a significant contributor in the CPUC and CDT's joint Digital Equity and BEAD planning process and will be a critical implementation partner.
California Community Colleges (CCC)	With 1.8 million students attending 116 colleges, CCC's mission is to provide students with the knowledge and background necessary to compete in today's economy. CCC was a significant contributor in the CPUC and CDT's joint Digital Equity and BEAD planning process and will be a critical implementation partner.

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Corporation for Education Network Initiatives in California (CENIC)	<p>Established in 1997, CENIC operates the <a href="#">California Research and Education Network (CalREN)</a>, a high-capacity network with more than 8,000 miles of optical fiber. The network serves over 20 million users across California at over 12,000 institutions, including the vast majority of K-20 students together with educators, researchers, clinicians, and individuals at other vital public-serving institutions. Currently CENIC manages the Broadband Infrastructure Grant from the California Department of Education to bring fiber-based broadband solutions to K-12 public schools lacking fiber connections.</p>
California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF)	<p>A non-profit corporation for the purpose of achieving ubiquitous access to broadband and advanced services in California by forging strategic partnerships and collaboration with civic leaders and community organizations; CETF focuses on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural communities that lack broadband infrastructure.</li> <li>• Urban poor and disadvantaged communities that lack computers and affordable connections to the Internet with relevant applications.</li> <li>• Disabled populations that lack technology accessibility (which will be addressed in part by promoting universal design of all technology to be accessible and integrating accessibility into all efforts).<sup>27</sup></li> </ul> <p>CETF is a member of the California Broadband Council and contributes to the implementation of the Broadband for All Action Plan.</p> <p>CETF co-leads the State's Get Connected! California Affordable Connectivity Program statewide mobilization effort in partnership with CDT, CPUC, and other California Broadband Council members.</p>

<sup>27</sup> "Mission and History," CETF, <https://www.cetfund.org/about-us/mission-and-history/>.

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Internet service providers	<p>The CPUC received dozens of proposals in June 2023 for projects to be funded by the CASF infrastructure Account—demonstrating the potential range of ISPs interested in partnering on broadband deployment across the State.<sup>28</sup></p> <p>ISPs have also been a critical part of the public input and dialogue regarding State policy and planning for broadband deployment and they are expected to continue their participation going forward.</p>
Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast <sup>29</sup>	<p>A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Recipient of California Emerging Technology Fund (CETF) grant from the CPUC to augment California Advanced Services Fund (CASF) work.<sup>30</sup></p>
Central Coast Broadband Consortium <sup>31</sup>	<p>A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Disseminates information about ACP, Lifeline, and public Wi-Fi. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC.<sup>32</sup></p>
Central Sierra Economic Development District <sup>33</sup>	<p>A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC.<sup>34</sup></p>

<sup>28</sup> “CASF Infrastructure Project Summaries,” CPUC, June 1, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/internet-and-phone/california-advanced-services-fund/cASF-infrastructure-project-summaries>.

<sup>29</sup> Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, <http://pcbroadband.org/>.

<sup>30</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Broadband Consortium Of The Pacific Coast, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/bcpc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

<sup>31</sup> Central Coast Broadband Consortium, <https://centralcoastbroadbandconsortium.org/>.

<sup>32</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Central Coast Broadband Consortium, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/ccbc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

<sup>33</sup> Central Sierra Economic Development District, <https://www.csedd.org/>.

<sup>34</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Central Sierra Economic Development District, January 13, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/csuz-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

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Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium <sup>35</sup>	A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Activities include support for ACP enrollment. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC. <sup>36</sup>
Gold Country Broadband Consortium <sup>37</sup>	A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC. <sup>38</sup>
Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium <sup>39</sup>	A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC. <sup>40</sup>
Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium <sup>41</sup>	A group of local civic organizations that support broadband deployment and can play a key role in outreach and engagement. Recipient of CASF grant from the CPUC. <sup>42</sup>

<sup>35</sup> Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium, <https://www.valleyvision.org/projects/connected-community-initiative/>.

<sup>36</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Connected Capital Area Broadband Consortium, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/ccabc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

<sup>37</sup> Gold Country Broadband Consortium, <https://www.sierrabusiness.org/archives/gold-country-broadband-consortium/>.

<sup>38</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Gold Country Broadband Consortium, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/gcbc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

<sup>39</sup> Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, <http://www.iebroadband.com/>.

<sup>40</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Inland Empire Regional Broadband Consortium, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/ierbc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.

<sup>41</sup> Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium, <https://escog.ca.gov/inymono-broadband-consortium>.

<sup>42</sup> “Annual Work Plan and Performance Metrics Plan,” Inyo-Mono Broadband Consortium, January 12, 2023, <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/-/media/cpuc-website/divisions/communications-division/documents/cASF-adoption-and-access/consortia/t17778-documents/imbc-t17778-work-plan.pdf>.