

A.C.A. 19-4-1415 Project Transmittal Form

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Project Description:

This project will expand the Arkansas Research & Education Optical Network (ARE-ON) to currently unconnected schools for the purposes of research, education, telehealth, and emergency preparedness. The ARE-ON fiber optic network will be expanded to Southern Arkansas University (SAU) in Magnolia and the two-year colleges that are member of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges (AATYC). The network provides enhanced high-speed data connections linking research and educational resources. This project will also provide additional resources to the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) and the Arkansas Telehealth Oversight & Management (ATOM) network by transporting data traffic from ATOM aggregation sites to UAMS.

Procurement Method: RFQ as authorized by A.C.A. 19-4-1415

Contractor: CDI Contractors LLC

Term: 25 months

Estimated Completion Date: 7/1/2013

Total Project Cost: \$31,300,000.00

Funding Sources (%):

100%	ARRA National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)/Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) grant