



## **Mediacom Business poised to expand education & library high-speed Internet & Wi-Fi services in rural America under FCC modernized E-rate plan**

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Mediacom Business is a recognized, leading Internet provider of Gigabit+ Fiber Solutions™ in rural America

New York, NY – September 15, 2014 – Maintaining its commitment to education by providing technology for teachers and administrators in rural schools with access to the Internet tools they need and expect in the classroom, Mediacom Business today said it is poised to partner with schools and libraries in its service areas in a recently announced federal program to subsidize broadband and Wi-Fi for schools and libraries with their Gigabit+ Fiber Solutions™.

Dan Templin, Senior Vice President of Mediacom Business, said the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has approved a plan to phase out funding under a program known as E-rate for antiquated technologies like pagers and dial-up phone service, and to redirect \$2 billion to boost wireless Internet connectivity in U.S. schools and libraries over the next two years.

Mr. Templin said his company has local representatives available now in rural markets to advise and consult about implementing Gigabit+ Fiber Solutions™ in conjunction with the FCC announcement. "Approximately 1,000 schools in the communities we serve have access to the Internet over our high-capacity fiber network. We have a unique ability to scale broadband to the exact requirements of each individual school, and the expertise to manage and monitor these services around the clock."

One recent example of Mediacom Business' commitment to providing technology for rural schools and libraries can be seen in Brewton, Alabama, located 85 miles Northeast of Mobile, according to Mr. Templin. "You might think this city of 6,000 would be challenged to have adequate broadband access. But this small school district runs Gigabit speeds over Mediacom Business' powerful fiber optic network. And that connectivity is helping Brewton's students to reap the rewards of having access to advanced education technologies that are best preparing them for the future."

Bret Dehoff, Technology Coordinator for Brewton City Schools, is an advocate of using fiber for data and voice solutions. "We couldn't do anything with e-learning or distance learning without fiber, and we would max out any connection that's less than a fiber connection pretty quickly. The benefits are very affordable and expandable. Mediacom Business maintains our network. When there's a problem or need, we just call them, and they're here with trained technicians."

A video about the partnership between Mediacom Business and Brewton City Schools, Alabama is available at:

<http://www.mediacombusiness.com/discover-brewton>

About Mediacom Communications

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