

AT&T and State of Louisiana Collaborate on Plan to Deliver Fiber Broadband to Portions of 13 Louisiana Parishes

Plan calls for AT&T Fiber to help bridge digital divide through awards from Louisiana's GUMBO Grant Program

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The state of Louisiana and AT&T* are collaborating on a plan to bring a state-of-the-art fiber network to nearly 9,800 homes, businesses and farms in parts of thirteen Louisiana parishes. The \$19 million project is contingent upon a final contract between the state of Louisiana and AT&T.

The plan calls for AT&T to build fiber networks in parts of the following parishes:

- Beauregard
- Bienville
- Calcasieu
- East Feliciana
- Morehouse
- Orleans
- Plaquemines
- Richland
- Tensas
- Union
- Washington
- Webster
- West Baton Rouge

Extensive design and engineering work will begin immediately following the execution of a final agreement between AT&T and the state.

AT&T has extensive experience deploying fiber-optics across Louisiana. In fact, more than 420,000 locations in the state have access to AT&T Fiber today.

"We are proud to work with Governor Edwards, the Legislature, the ConnectLA team, and local leaders in Parishes across the state to help close the digital divide,"



said Sonia Perez, president, AT&T Southeast States. "AT&T's fiber network is fast and reliable, and we look forward to helping build better futures for the businesses and people of Louisiana."

AT&T Fiber is the fastest among major providers and offers symmetrical speeds of up to 5-Gigs on downloads and uploads. ¹ The faster speeds and increased bandwidth mean customers can connect multiple devices, stream multiple entertainment sources, quickly upload content to social media and experience ultra-low lag for pro-level gaming – all at the same time.

Residents and businesses can learn more about AT&T Fiber at att.com/fiber and can sign up to be notified when service will be available at their address at att.com/notifyme.

Affordable internet service is available for low-income households as part of AT&T's commitment to help close the <u>digital divide</u>. <u>Access from AT&T</u> offers low-cost broadband options, including free internet for eligible households when combined with federal benefits from the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).² After you confirm your <u>ACP eligibility</u>, call us at 866-986-0963 to discuss your options and order service. Be sure to have your National Verifier application ID handy when you call.

About AT&T in Louisiana

From 2019-2021, AT&T invested more than \$1.1 billion in its wireless and wireline networks in <u>Louisiana</u> to expand coverage and improve connectivity in more communities. That investment has increased reliability, coverage and overall performance for residents and businesses. It's also improved critical communications services for Louisiana's first responders using the <u>FirstNet</u>® network.

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¹ **Limited availability in select areas.** Fastest among major internet service providers, based on 5Gbps offering. Internet speed claims represent maximum wired network service capability speeds to the home and recommended setup. Actual customer speeds are not guaranteed. Single device wired speed maximum 4.7Gbps. For more information go to www.att.com/speed101

² With Access from AT&T. 100Mbps speed or lower based on location.



We are on a mission to be the best broadband provider in America, whether you're at home, work or on the move. We do this by combining the most reliable 5G network³ with the fastest growing fiber internet in America⁴, so you have a seamless experience from a single provider. Becoming the best connectivity provider also means serving the critical mission of America's first responders. FirstNet[®], Built with AT&T is the only purpose-built, nationwide wireless broadband communications platform dedicated to the public safety community.

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³ Based on nationwide GWS drive test data. GWS conducts paid drive tests for AT&T and uses the data in its analysis. AT&T 5G requires compatible plan and device. 5G not available everywhere. Go to att.com/5Gforyou for details

⁴ Based on publicly-available data of net customer adds for major fiber providers over previous four quarters