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Storey County’s Fiber Distribution Project Earns National Achievement Award

Virginia City, NV— Storey County’s Fiber Distribution Project has been recognized with a 2025 Achievement Award from the National Association of Counties (NACo). The award honors innovative and effective county programs that strengthen services for residents and support resilient, future-ready communities.

Launched in 2023, the Fiber Distribution Project was developed to expand high-speed internet access to underserved residential areas while also improving connectivity between County facilities. The project delivers speeds of up to 1 gigabit to residents and supports a 10-gigabit backbone for government operations and emergency communications.

“This award validates the foresight and teamwork behind the Fiber Distribution Project,” said County Manager Austin Osborne. “Storey County is committed to making smart, strategic investments in infrastructure that serve both our residents and our government operations.”

Each year, NACo’s Achievement Awards recognize outstanding programming in 18 categories aligned with the broad responsibilities of county government, including civic engagement, information technology, public safety, and more. Launched in 1970, the awards program evaluates each entry on its own merits, rather than comparatively.

“Expanding reliable broadband is a game-changer for our residents—especially in rural communities where access has been limited for too long,” said County Commissioner Jay Carmona. “This project shows that even small counties can lead the way when it comes to practical, high-impact infrastructure improvements.”

According to Storey County’s Information Technology Director James Deane, the long-term design of the network was just as important as immediate access. “We built the system to support the County’s growth for years to come,” he said. “This isn’t just a short-term upgrade—it’s a foundation for public safety, service delivery, and future innovation.”

“The Achievement Awards shine a spotlight on the hard work and innovation happening in county governments across the nation,” said NACo President James Gore. “This year’s

winner highlight the dedication and creativity of county leaders and our teams to building thriving communities and providing the best possible services to our residents.”

With the project’s infrastructure now in place, Storey County is preparing for the next phase, including expanded access in Virginia City Highlands, Mark Twain and Lockwood, as well as the integration of advanced tools for public safety and emergency response.

For more information about Storey County’s Fiber Distribution Project, visit www.cccomm.net.

For more information about NACo’s Achievement Awards, visit www.naco.org.

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About Storey County

Nestled in the mountains of Western Nevada, Storey County is a historic region renowned for its rich mining heritage, vibrant community, and progressive approach to economic development. Home to the iconic Virginia City, the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center (TRI-Center), and a thriving business environment, Storey County blends its historical legacy with a forward-looking vision for the future. The county government is dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for its residents through effective public services, public safety initiatives, and economic growth strategies. With a commitment to community well-being, Storey County ensures that both its rural and industrial areas prosper while preserving their unique character.

For more information, visit www.storeycounty.org.