Connect Alaska Unveils Innovative New Broadband Mapping Tool

*Interactive Map Offers Unique Tools to View
Alaska's Technology Landscape, Guide Expansion Efforts*

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Anchorage – Connect Alaska today unveiled an innovative new broadband mapping tool offering unmatched views of Alaska's technology landscape.

The mapping tool, called My ConnectView, is a valuable tool for consumers, policy makers, Internet providers, and planning teams working to increase broadband access, adoption, and use in communities across the state and nation.

"My ConnectView is powerful tool with a wide range of applications," says Connect Alaska Executive Director James Dunn. "The sophisticated data layers are easy to use and give us views of current broadband access, adoption, and use in Alaska like we've never seen before. The information can be used by broadband providers, businesses, community leaders, and the general public as a free resource to make informed decisions on everything from where to build out new services to what broadband services are currently available at a given address."

My ConnectView, developed by Connected Nation, Connect Alaska's parent organization, replaces the previous mapping tool and is faster and easier to use; features more interactive data layers and additional tools to explore data; and allows users to e-mail, print, and send feedback on custom maps.

By offering unprecedented views of unserved and underserved areas of Alaska, My ConnectView will help drive economic development planning centered around broadband technology expansion efforts in Alaska.

Connect Alaska has just completed its 5th round of broadband data updates to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. The data, gathered as part of the State Broadband Initiative program, is used to populate the National Broadband Map. The new maps are online and can be accessed under the learn tab on the Connect Alaska website.

We urge citizens and providers to use the tool to help us verify the information presented and to contact us if they can't get access to broadband. Connect Alaska uses such feedback to ensure the maps are accurate and to reach out to providers and community leaders to promote broadband expansion into unserved and underserved areas of Alaska. For more information, please contact Connect Alaska Program Coordinator Therese Dolan at tdolan@connectak.org or (907) 280-9745.

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About Connect Alaska: Connect Alaska is working with the Alaska Broadband Task Force to promote broadband access, adoption, and use across the state. Connect Alaska partners with technology-minded businesses, government entities, and universities to accelerate technology and develop of a statewide plan for the deployment and adoption of broadband. The initiative is made possible by support from the State of Alaska and the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development. For more information about what Connect Alaska is doing to accelerate technology in Alaska's communities, please visit: www.connectak.org.

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