



The Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition

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SHLB Coalition Members (examples)

- **Schools** (CCSSO, ISTE, CoSN)
- **Community Colleges** (AACCC, ITC)
- **Health** (AHA, NRHA, HIMSS)
- **Libraries** (ALA, COSLA, ULC)
- **Higher Education** (EDUCAUSE, ARL)
- **National R&E Networks** (Internet2, NLR)
- **State R&E Networks** (The Quilt, Merit, NYSERNET, NCREN)
- **Municipalities** (NATOA)
- **Public Media** (Access Humboldt)
- **Public Safety** (NENA)
- **Private Sector** (Microsoft, Google, Sunesys, Zayo, ENA)
- **Public Interest** (New America Foundation, Public Knowledge)
- **Foundations** (Gates, Benton, Knight)



SHLB Coalition Mission

To ensure that schools (K-12 and higher education), libraries, health care providers, public safety, public media, and other anchor institutions have affordable, high-capacity broadband.

Anchor Institutions are unique:

Neither residential nor business.

Anchor Institutions provide essential services:

Digital literacy, distance education, remote telemedicine, job-training, e-government services, basic research.

Anchor institutions serve diverse and often vulnerable community members:

Elderly, low-income, disabled, homeless, travelers, youth and even residential.



SHLB Advocacy 2009-2010

- **BTOP:** SHLB asked for Infrastructure projects to focus on anchor institutions. *Success.*
- **UCAN:** SHLB supported creating a Unified Community Anchor Network to aggregate traffic and broadband resources to serve all anchor institutions. *Success*
- **E-Rate:** SHLB asked for inclusion of dark fiber and lit fiber. *Success*



SHLB Advocacy 2011

- Rural Universal Service Fund/Connect America Fund: SHLB has asked the FCC to fund broadband to anchor institutions in rural, high-cost regions. *Pending*
- U.S. Ignite: SHLB is engaged in discussions with Obama Administration on next-generation broadband platform and applications. *Pending*



SHLB Advocacy/Our Goal:

National Broadband Plan Goal No. 4:
Every American community should have affordable access to at least 1 gigabit per second broadband service to anchor institutions such as schools, libraries, hospitals and government buildings.