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## MICROWAVE VENDOR ANNOUNCED

**G**reen Mountain Communications, a NH based company, has been awarded a five million dollar contract to construct a point to point broadband microwave network for public safety as part of Network NH Now's NH Safenet project.

The project will consolidate the microwave networks of the NH Department of Safety, NH Department of Transportation, NH Department of Economic Resources and Development, the NH National Guard, and New Hampshire Public Television.

Victor Drouin, president of Green Mountain Communications, commented "New Hampshire is one of the first states to integrate multiple agencies into a single shared network, which when completed will provide cost efficiencies for the stakeholders. The NHSafeNet wireless microwave network will incorporate advanced technologies important for the future of New Hampshire."

## COMMUNITY ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS

**O**ne of the key priorities of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and Network New Hampshire Now (NNHN) is to enable Community Anchor Institutions (CAIs) to connect to broadband. A Community Anchor Institution as defined by the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) as: schools, libraries, medical and healthcare

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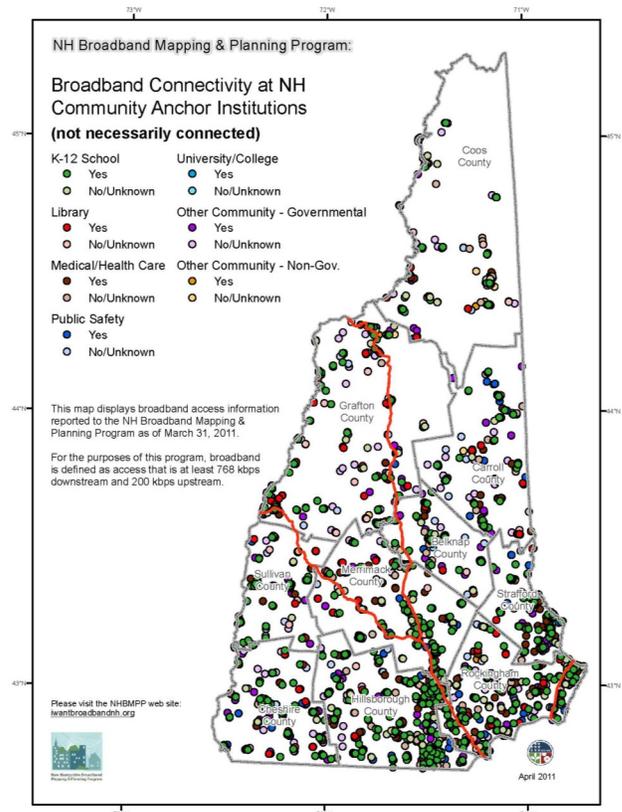
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providers, public safety entities, community colleges and other institutions of higher education, and other community support organizations and entities.

Network New Hampshire Now's partners, New Hampshire Optical Systems and New Hampshire Fast Roads, anticipate that the network will pass near over 1000 CAIs and plan to connect to over 200 of these CAIs before the project is complete. Community Colleges, Cooperative Extension Service Offices, Town Halls, Community hospitals and clinics, Nursing homes, Schools, and Fire and Safety locations have already expressed interest in obtaining or improving broadband connections.

CAIs are being mapped and inventoried through the Broadband Mapping and Planning Program. NNHN will be reaching out directly to CAIs to gauge their interest in attaching to the broadband network either to install or improve their current network bandwidth. Please ensure your CAI is included in the project by e-mailing your information to the Broadband Mapping group at their website at <http://www.iwantbroadbandnh.org>.