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#### What We Do









### **Broadband**

Nevada Broadband Taskforce made 9 recommendations to the Governor

#### E-Rate

- The universal service Schools and Libraries Program, commonly known as "E-rate," provides discounts of up to 90 percent to help eligible schools and libraries in the United States obtain affordable telecommunications and internet access.
- \$4 billion
- Funds: 1) Connections to the school, 2) Connections within the school, 3)
  Ongoing service fees

## E-Rate (Continued)

- Problem
  - Nevada- \$8 million in E-Rate Funding; Utah- \$32 million
    - Nevada spends 40% on telephone service
    - 99% of schools in UT have 1 GB internet service

 OSIT is working to connect all schools to broadband and improve the way Nevada applies for and utilizes E-Rate funds