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Rural College Consortium

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Colorado Northwestern Community College

LAMAR COMMUNITY COLLEGE

NORTHEASTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE

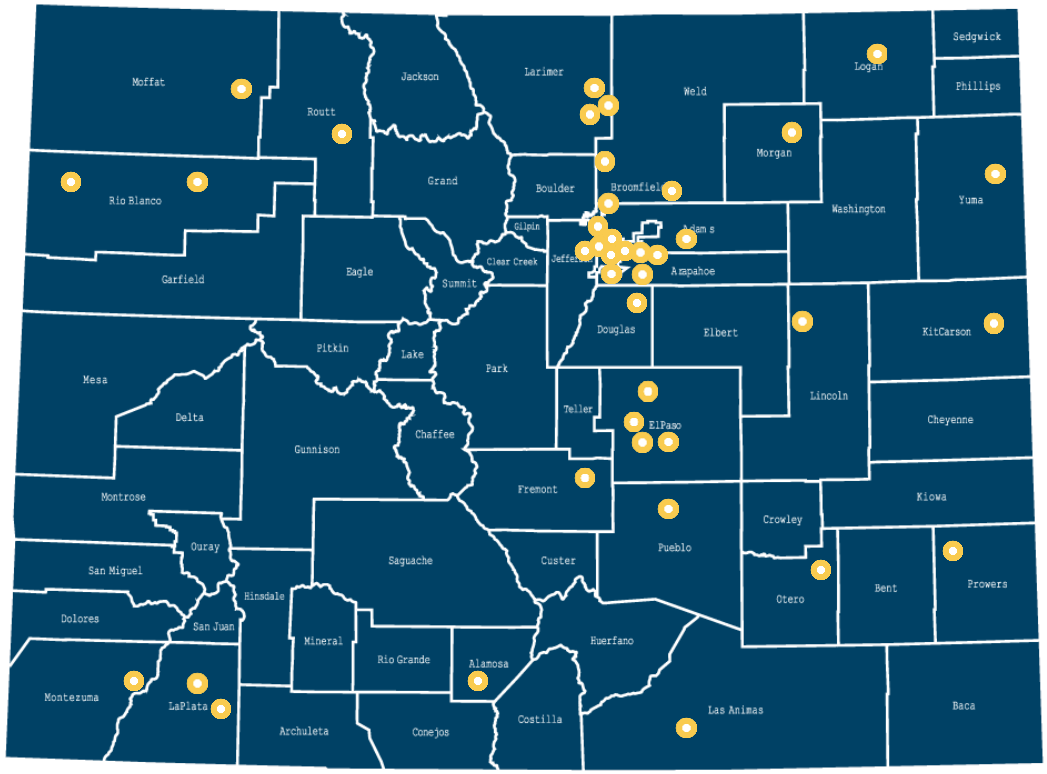
MORGAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

OTERO COLLEGE

TRINIDAD STATE COLORADO

Pueblo Community College

Educational Access Across Colorado



120,000+

undergraduate students

21,000

credentials awarded

Challenges That Exist

- Inequitable access to quality academic programs and services
- Serving large geographical areas with small populations
- Outdated network and server infrastructure
- Lack of sufficient classroom technology
- Inability to generate enough funding

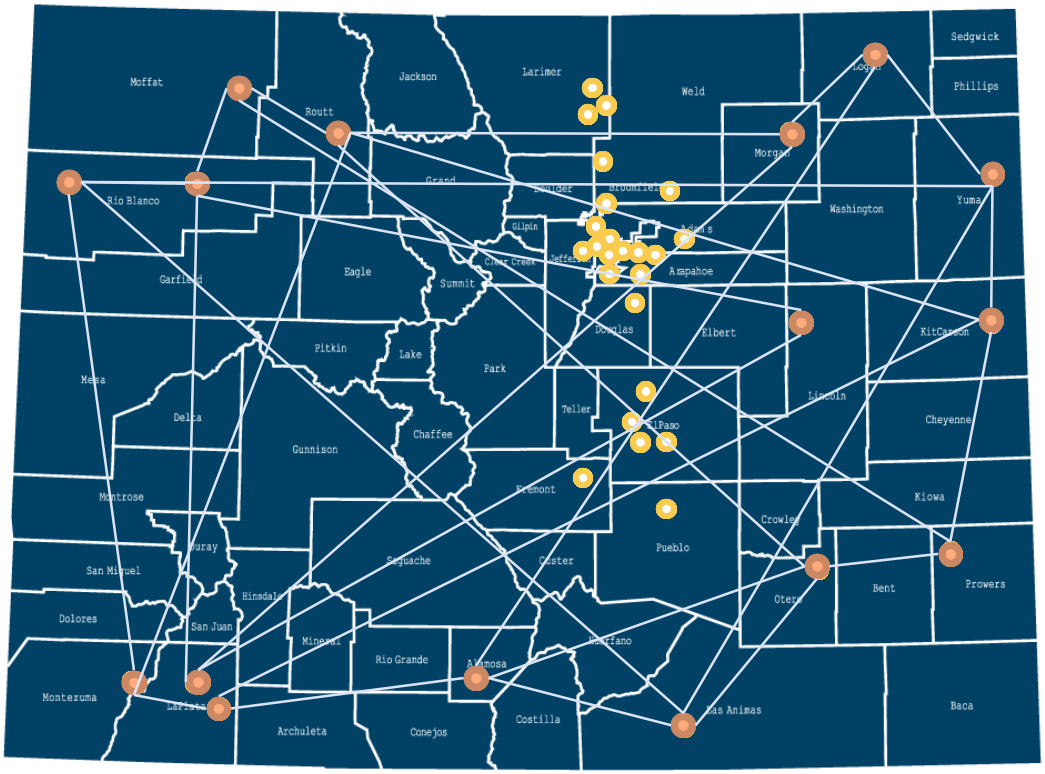
Vision

- **Create a rural network that connects rural colleges and communities with high quality academic programs, workforce development training opportunities, and strong student support services. This network would help ensure long-term sustainability and viability of community colleges and the rural communities they serve.**

Proposal Details

- $8,627,000 for networks, servers, laptops, and classroom technology.
- Share courses, programs, support services, and staffing across multiple colleges.
- Install classroom technology to link classrooms in all corners of the state.
- Upgrading network cabling and switches.
- Migrate servers to CCCS-IT infrastructure.
- Standardize technology.

Building the Rural Network



Wind Energy
From Sterling to Rangely

Cyber Security
Craig to Burlington

Behavioral Health and Addiction Counseling
From Trinidad to Yuma

Mental Health Counseling
From La Junta to Bayfield

Timeline

- **Pilot and work thus far.**
- **One year technology install and upgrade if funding is approved**
  - Cabling
  - Network/infrastructure
  - Classroom technology and video conferencing

Benefits

- Expanded access to quality academic programs, workforce development, and student support services
- Greater instructional cost efficiencies
- Increase credential attainment
- Support expansive geographic locations and rural communities
- Improved data security
- Disaster recovery and business continuity

Sustainability

- CCCS System Office IT will maintain virtual servers and software upgrades.
- Colleges will implement maintenance plans for classroom technology and network infrastructure.
- Standardization of technology for resource-efficient maintenance.
- System-wide disaster recovery.

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