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- a. Over a twelve-week period, inventory and identify the steps needed to create an effective shared data set system by connecting connect the six county courthouses in the San Luis Valley to the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group (SLVDRG) regional data set and to the State of Colorado, using fiber-optic infrastructure.

- b. First, present the concept to the eighteen county commissioners in Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache, and then organize a series of presentations for city and county leaders from the Valley, to garner stakeholder input and elicit participation from both the public and private sectors.

- c. Build on previously held meetings and historic projects with local Internet service providers, phone company representatives and other users to identify steps needed to complete fiber connectivity to the courthouses, the regional data set and the State of Colorado.

- d. Conduct extensive research on state, national and international data standards and make recommendations for this demonstration project.

- e. Upgrade the San Luis Valley Development Resources Group, Inc. (SLVDRG) regional data website, www.slvdrg.org. Create a generic data set model web page that can be replicated. The upgrade will make extensive local, regional, state and national data sets and information more user friendly and much more available to citizens throughout the six-county region and the remaining regions in Colorado.

- f. Identify at least 4 additional funding sources for each phase, using the concept/award letter/potential of the project to attract matching dollars for this project. Identified funding sources for Phase I are general while identified funding sources for Phase II will be specific.

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- g. Begin to define and produce a dynamic template and educational syllabus creating a comprehensive “How-To” toolkit, to be organized specifically in Phase II and finalized in Phase III. The “How-To” toolkit will be comprised of the syllabus and multiple templates (i.e. letters, presentations, white paper) as well as directions for creating an online journal that can be used as an interactive tool for communities as they begin their “Tech Ready” process. All materials in the “How-To” toolkit will be available to other communities throughout Colorado, in their entirety, as the first pilot project is being completed. The DOLA Staff and field staff, the Colorado Rural Development Council (CRDC) and city and county leaders will have online access to the materials and will be able to download them as needed.
- h. Present a complete written report to DOLA and CRDC on findings for Phase I ending 12/31/03 (prior to the Governor’s 2004 State of the State Address). Schedule a presentation to DOLA/CRDC staff as soon as possible after January 1, 2004.
- i. The SLVDRG is the responsible agency for the DOLA Region 8 Technical Assistance Program for the six counties’s of the Valley and has a long history with managing DOLA programs. The co-directors will function as the information bridge to both DOLA and the CRDC. Currently, the project co-directors, Michael Wisdom and Kristin Johnston serve on the CRDC Board of Directors as a Board Member and an Associate Board Member respectively. The co-directors will maintain ongoing responsibilities with CRDC, providing the Board with regular updates and serving as an educational resource for the Board and Executive Director. Additionally, the project co-directors are available to the State of Colorado for tutor and mentoring of the other DOLA field regions with CRDC as the pilot project progresses. We are both willing to also serve on the State Data Standards Committee that we believe is primary to this programs success.
- j. As an option, conduct an additional demonstration project from the customer’s point of view. Identify, assess and document processes needed for implementing critical infrastructure needs and various telemedicine projects for a rural hospital currently under construction in the Valley.