

Tech Ready Communities

San Luis Valley Pilot Project

**"Next Mile" Broadband Solutions
For Rural Colorado**

Phase I

TECH READY COMMUNITIES

In January 2004 Governor Owens will unveil the "next mile" telecommunications pilot project, 'Tech Ready' communities. The purpose of this project is to demonstrate various ways that broadband infrastructure can be used to strengthen Colorado's rural communities.

THE PROJECT

Pilot Project Test Region – The San Luis Valley:

Projects originated in the San Luis Valley.
Telecommunications strategy available.

Broadband Community Demonstration Projects Include:

Networking the 6-county courthouses for regional planning and coordination to create state/county/regional and community-wide integrated communications using “real time” data sets.

Rural healthcare/telemedicine; comprehensive networking of Del Norte Critical Access Hospital to create integrated community/regional-wide state-of-the-art healthcare delivery systems.

Access to the Demonstration Projects: <http://www.slvdrg.org/techready.htm>

for “how to” guides, templates and an online journal that details the process of becoming a ‘Tech Ready’ community.

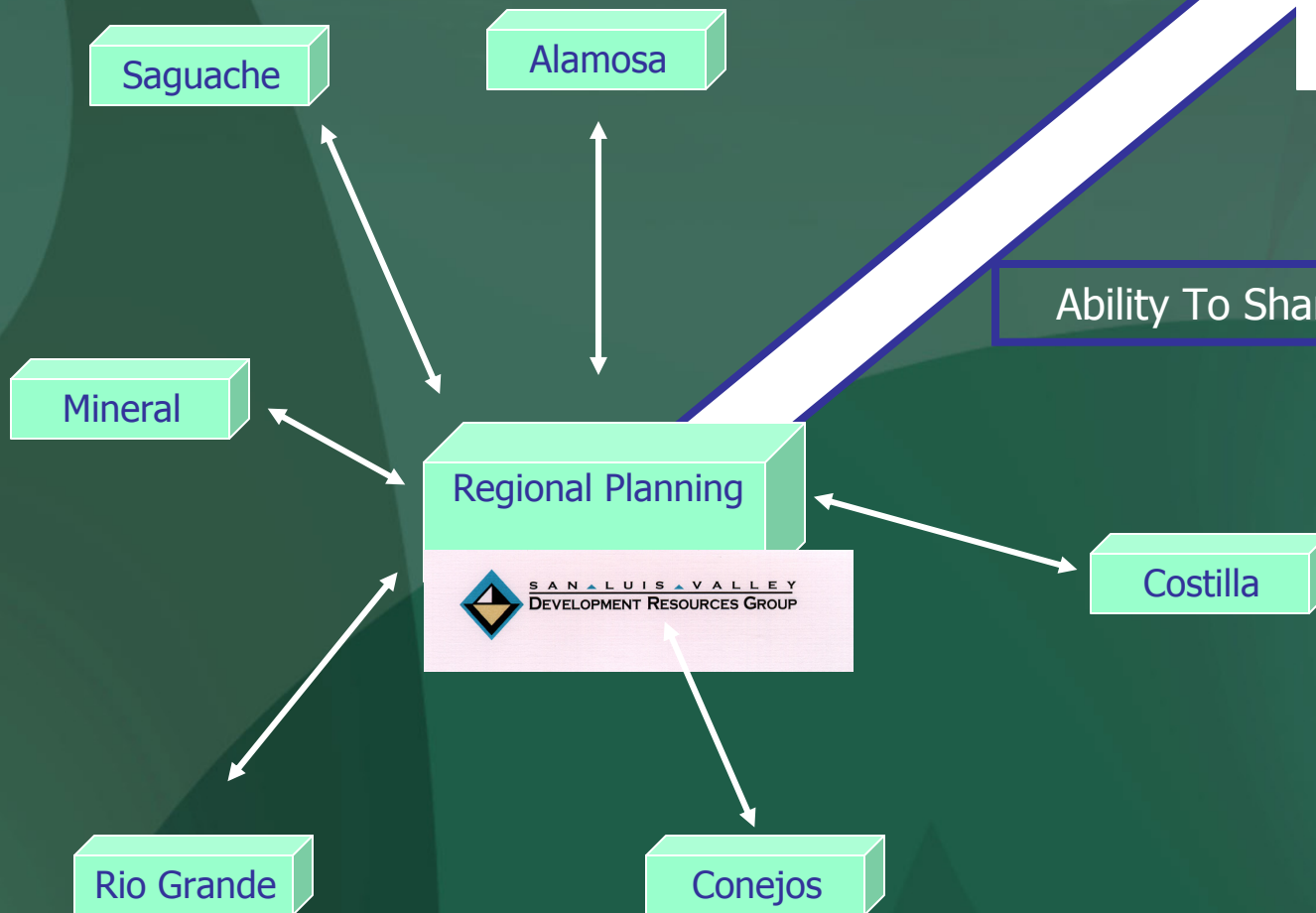
COMMUNITY USES FOR BROADBAND

- State-wide coordinated information system
- “Real-Time” shared data sets for county & state planners
- Resulting in a cohesive network of “real-time” information
- Promotes efficient daily operations
Streamlines census process
- Critical for emergency preparedness and homeland defense

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATIONS



Ability To Share "Real Time" Data Sets



THE PLAYERS

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THE PRIORITIES

In order to ensure that all rural communities throughout Colorado are able to become 'Tech Ready' DOLA has established the following priorities:

- 1) Complete "next mile" connectivity in all areas.
- 2) Promote infrastructure projects similar to those found in the 'Tech Ready' pilot project, creating opportunities for broadband utilization.
- 3) Monitor Governor's Telecommunications Backbone.

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