

# Proudly Investing in Arkansas!



## Fiber Technology:

### NATCO Communications, Inc.

is one of several local, independent telephone companies and Arkansas businesses across the state to invest in construction of the fiber optic cable infrastructure necessary to allow rural schools, manufacturers and retailers in our communities to compete on a global scale. NATCO and other Arkansas-owned companies have made the choice to invest in the communities they call home.

**This investment benefits the  
entire state of Arkansas.**

With fiber technology, Arkansas schools have access to distance learning and enhanced educational opportunities; Arkansas manufacturers receive orders and deliver goods worldwide; and Arkansas retailers sell to customers around the globe. Fiber optic infrastructure is vital in attracting new industry and technology driven businesses to the state.

Since 1951, NATCO has continually invested in advanced technology in the rural communities we serve. NATCO is constantly monitoring its network and operations to make the most effective choices with respect to network investments and operational improvements. NATCO Communications' commitment to deliver fiber optic broadband services to schools, businesses and homes throughout our rural service area began in 2009. Today, two of our six communities (and a third underway) are "Fiber Towns" where speeds of 1 gigabit are available to all residents and businesses. We are extending fiber facilities to our other communities as part of our plan to provide advanced fiber broadband speeds.

## Driving Education, Manufacturing & Business Throughout the State

### Community Commitment

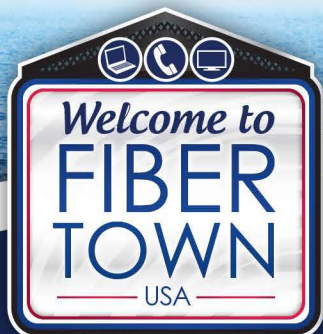
In addition to the investment of fiber optic infrastructure throughout our service area, NATCO chooses to support educational efforts in our local schools as well as projects that promote economic growth and environmental awareness in the communities we serve. In conjunction with our charitable foundation, NATCO has provided over \$800,000 in scholarships, grants and support for community projects, such as:

- Arkansas State University Mountain Home Annual Scholarship Endowment
- North Arkansas College Annual Scholarship Endowment
- Annual scholarships to students in every high school in NATCO's service area
- Marion County Youth Leadership Annual Tech Day
- Audubon Society Classroom Kits to promote environmental awareness in area elementary schools
- Annual technology-themed coloring and essay contests for kindergarten - 8th grade students
- Bull Shoals city economic development research working with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission and UALR
- Grant workshops for community organizations and clubs



*"By investing in fiber optic technology,  
we're investing in Arkansas' future."*

Steven Sanders, Jr., President  
NATCO Communications, Inc.



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