# Role of Montana State Library and Public Libraries for ARPA Gigabit/Internal Wiring Project

## Montana State Library Responsibilities

- Select libraries to participate in the project.
- Work with IT vendor and cabling contractor to complete site assessments, order, and install equipment and cabling.
- Connect IT vendors with library director and library IT support staff.
- Pay for equipment, time of vendors, cabling, and installation.
- Resolve problems.
- Report back to Commission, legislature, and IMLS on use of funds and results.
- Assist libraries seeking e-rate or other funding sources to pay for costs of upgrading to faster Internet speeds.
- Evaluate and monitor the project.

## Responsibilities of public libraries

- Agree to upgrade Internet speeds to the minimum national standard of 100/10 Mbps within 2 years of equipment upgrade.
- Pay for any library IT support that is needed during the project. Costs should be fairly minimal.
- Work with IT vendors to schedule times for site visits for assessment and installation of equipment. Answer any questions vendors may have.
- Share information about speed of network before and after project to show legislature and others impact of the investment to upgrade internal library connections.
- Share information about how project upgrade benefitted library patrons.