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SHLB Coalition Welcomes Network Nebraska as Newest Member

Washington, DC (December 13, 2016) - Network Nebraska became the newest member of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband (SHLB) Coalition, a diverse partnership of 71 anchor institutions, commercial companies, non-profit broadband providers, foundations, public interest groups, and others. Together, these organizations promote open, affordable, high-capacity broadband for anchor institutions and their communities.

“On behalf of the 291 community anchor institutions served by Network Nebraska, we look forward to increased collaboration with the other SHLB members and the many member benefits afforded by this great organization,” said **Ed Toner, State of Nebraska CIO**.

The SHLB Coalition was created in 2009 to address the shortage of adequate broadband for schools, libraries, health clinics, and other community anchor institutions. The coalition, which includes the Consortium for School Networking (CoSN), the American Library Association (ALA), California Telehealth Network, Google, and Cisco, works with the Federal Communications Commission, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and other federal, state, and local government agencies to close the digital divide and create future-ready communities.

“We are very pleased that Network Nebraska has joined the SHLB Coalition,” said **SHLB Coalition Executive Director John Windhausen**. “Network Nebraska’s vast network of members and its experience aggregating the purchase of broadband capacity across the state will be a tremendous resource for our community.”

The Internet has become a cornerstone of American life, learning and economic growth. It is the key infrastructure that anchors need to provide 21st century education, information, and health services to the public. To learn more about the SHLB Coalition and membership, visit www.shlb.org.

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About SHLB:

The SHLB Coalition is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) advocacy organization that supports open, affordable, high-capacity broadband connections for anchor institutions and their surrounding communities. The SHLB Coalition is based in Washington, DC and has a diverse membership of commercial and non-commercial organizations from across the United States. To learn more, visit www.shlb.org.