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63N-12-304 Center responsibilities.

- (1) The center shall:
 - (a) coordinate broadband development policy and promotion among:
 - (i) voluntarily participating broadband providers in the state;
 - (ii) state and federal agencies; and
 - (iii) local government entities in the state;
 - (b) make recommendations to the governor and Legislature regarding policies and initiatives that promote the development of broadband-related infrastructure and help implement those policies and initiatives;
 - (c) promote policies and initiatives that encourage private-sector deployment of infrastructure and public-private partnerships to increase broadband services to urban and rural communities;
 - (d) facilitate coordination between broadband providers and public and private entities;
 - (e) coordinate with broadband providers and other relevant stakeholders to promote the voluntary expansion of broadband infrastructure in both rural and urban communities;
 - (f) promote the adoption and utilization of up-to-date broadband technologies and infrastructure; and
 - (g) collect and analyze data on broadband availability and usage in the state, including Internet speed, capacity, unique visitors, and broadband infrastructure available throughout the state.
- (2) The center may:
 - (a) work with broadband providers, state and local governments, and other public and private stakeholders to facilitate and encourage the expansion of broadband infrastructure throughout the state;
 - (b) work with state and local government entities to promote best practices that increase coordination between public and private partners and encourage broader deployment of broadband infrastructure;
 - (c) work with various stakeholders, including the Office of Rural Development created in Section 63N-4-102, the Governor's Rural Partnership Board created in Section 63C-10-102, chambers of commerce, developers, and state and local governments to market existing broadband infrastructure, particularly in rural communities;
 - (d) create a voluntary broadband advisory committee that may include broadband providers and other public and private stakeholders to solicit input on policy guidance, best practices, and broadband adoption strategies;
 - (e) partner with the Automated Geographic Reference Center created in Section 63F-1-506 to:
 - (i) collect and maintain a database and interactive map that displays residential and commercial broadband data;
 - (ii) display data regarding broadband availability on the center's website and make the data available for other state and national websites;
 - (iii) conduct research on broadband availability and adoption; and
 - (iv) conduct research to verify broadband availability data; and
 - (f) in accordance with the requirements of Title 63J, Chapter 5, Federal Funds Procedures Act:
 - (i) apply for federal grants;
 - (ii) participate in federal programs; and
 - (iii) in accordance with federal requirements, administer federally funded broadband-related programs.

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