

## News Release

# Brightspeed Kickstarts High-speed Fiber Internet Network Build for Thousands of East Texas Residents

*Company's multi-million-dollar investment will bring blazing fast internet to more than 30,700 locations*

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — July 24, 2024 — Brightspeed, the nation's fourth largest fiber broadband builder focused on empowering more homes with ultrafast, reliable internet, announced that permitting is underway to connect thousands of residents living across Henderson County and Smith County, Texas to Brightspeed Fiber Internet. The company is currently working to connect more than 30,700 families and local businesses across the communities of Gun Barrel City, Athens, Payne Springs, Chandler and Bullard.

This announcement comes on the heels of the company receiving \$2.3 million in grants to expand its state-of-the-art fiber broadband network in Henderson County.

### **What to Expect During Construction**

Soon, residents will start to see Brightspeed trucks in their local neighborhoods as crews work to bring households online. Brightspeed's highest priority is working quickly and efficiently within these local communities, keeping safety at the forefront.

Texans can check fiber availability in their area by visiting [www.brightspeed.com/brightspeed-fiber-internet/](http://www.brightspeed.com/brightspeed-fiber-internet/) and signing up to receive alerts when service is available at their location. Once connected, customers can expect straightforward bills, easy-to-understand plans and internet connections that just work.

### **East Texas is Getting the Best in Broadband**

The Brightspeed Fiber Internet network leverages the latest XGS-PON (10-Gigabit Symmetric Passive Optical Network) technology to bring multi-gig-speed capabilities and consistent responsiveness that enable multi-device households to connect, work, study, stream, communicate and game efficiently and reliably in Texas.

### **Brightspeed Fiber is More Than Just Internet**

Put simply, high-speed internet equals opportunity for households and businesses alike, and access to fast and affordable internet and Wi-Fi will help close the rural-urban digital divide. That's why Brightspeed is building its smart, fiber optics-based network in these communities — so residents and business owners have the reliable connectivity they need to work, learn, play and thrive.

Brightspeed is already making a multi-billion-dollar investment in deploying next-generation fiber-optic technology to build a more reliable, super-fast broadband internet network that will reach more than three million homes and businesses across 20 states. Additionally, the company will continue pursuing state and federal broadband grant funding to augment its current fiber network build plan in Texas to help close the digital divide.

### **About Brightspeed**

Headquartered in Charlotte, N.C. and with assets and associated operations in 20 states, Brightspeed provides broadband and telecommunications services through a network platform capable of serving more than 6.5 million homes and businesses. Our more than 4,000 employees are committed to building a future where more communities benefit from a more connected life, deploying a state-of-the-art fiber network and a customer experience that makes being connected as simple as it should be. For more information, please visit [www.brightspeed.com](http://www.brightspeed.com).

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