

NCNW Statement on Expansion in Broadband Technology

Yesterday's announced acquisition of T-Mobile by AT&T is a monumental breakthrough for wireless consumers of color and the future of wireless broadband. This acquisition will lead to millions more people gaining access to the latest in 4G Long Term Evolution (LTE) technology, especially people of color. Not only is 4G LTE faster, more reliable and capable of providing improved voice and data communications, it also serves as a gateway for underserved communities to access wireless broadband.

With this transaction, a combined AT&T and T-Mobile will ensure that nearly 95% of the U.S. population will gain access to 4G LTE, including many communities who are now underserved, enabling expansion of the benefits of accessing wireless broadband and providing immediate access to quality of life-enhancing services like online healthcare, education, and career resources. This transaction is a win-win for all U.S. consumers and especially so for those who may have been left behind.