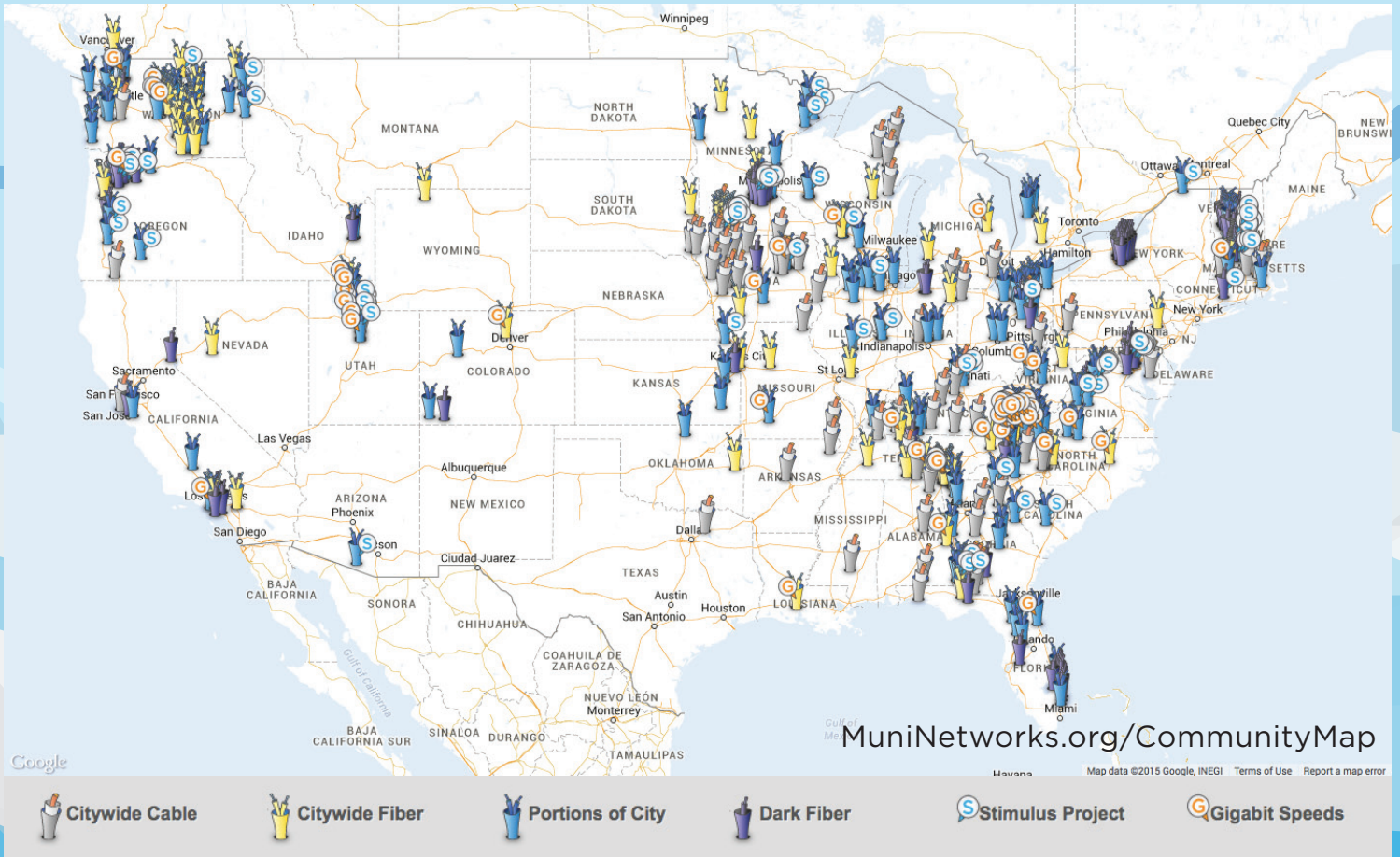


# Community Broadband Networks



**Frustrated with inadequate, over priced, or unreliable networks from existing providers, hundreds of communities have decided to build their own networks, sometimes in partnership with local companies. The Institute for Local Self-Reliance is tracking these efforts.**

## As of January, 2015:

- At least 89 communities have a citywide fiber-to-the-home network owned by local government.
- More than 180 communities have invested in publicly owned fiber optic connections to parts of town, including businesses and/or residents.
- 76 communities have citywide cable networks, often built before 2000.
- At least 113 communities make dark fiber available. Most of the cities included in this map make dark fiber available in addition to other services, but the 113 indicated here only offer dark fiber. Dark fiber is most often used by other ISPs, large businesses, or high tech firms.
- At least 82 communities in 17 states have access to gigabit services owned by local government.
- 19 states have submitted to telephone and cable monopoly pressure by limiting local authority to build community networks.



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