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**AT&T's proposed acquisition of T-Mobile – America's "Can Do" is coming back.**

Yesterday's announcement of AT&T's proposed \$39 billion dollar acquisition of T-Mobile from the German telecommunications company Deutsche Telekom is a testament that AT&T, a global American corporation, finds that America is still the best place in the world to invest. Ricardo Byrd, NAN Executive Director, stated in a "Can Do" spirit, "Significant private sector investments in the nation's wireless digital infrastructure mean more jobs and economic growth and innovation opportunities."

NAN strongly supports President Obama's goal to connect "every part of America to the digital age." In the acquisition announcement, "AT&T commits to expand 4G LTE deployment to an additional 46.5 million Americans, including in rural, smaller communities, for a total of 294 million or 95% of the U.S. population." Improving access, service quality and affordable pricing for all of our neighborhoods is critical to closing America's digital divide. AT&T's \$39 billion dollar deal is hopefully a sign that the nation's corporate community can and will accelerate America's transition from an analog age to a new and promising digital age.

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