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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.