



Press Release

## Quintillion aims to bring improved services to northern Alaska

*New hire to focus on education and health care*

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**ANCHORAGE, Alaska** – Leading broadband and telecommunications operator Quintillion today announces the addition of Ariel Burr as Senior Manager of Government Programs and Business Development. Burr is charged with leading the corporation’s efforts to connect rural Alaska communities with better education and health care services through the Federal Communications Commission’s (FCC) [E-rate](#) and [Rural Health Care \(RHC\)](#) programs. She will also manage Quintillion’s Rural Utility Service initiatives and other state and federal funding programs that provide more opportunity and access to remote regions of the state.

Burr comes to Quintillion from GCI – the largest recipient of RHC funds in the nation – where she was Senior Manager of Business Administration for Government, Health Care and Education. She holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration from Alaska Pacific University, and is one of the state’s leading knowledge experts in FCC’s Universal Service Administrative Co. programs.

“I’m excited about the opportunity to work for Quintillion and to continue facilitating programs that serve Alaska’s rural, underserved and difficult-to-reach communities,” says Burr. “The company’s presence in the North Slope Borough and Northwest Arctic Borough, as well as in Nome, presents abundant opportunities to improve the lives of the people who live in those regions, and that’s what I’m passionate about.”

The FCC’s E-rate program ensures that schools and libraries across the U.S. are connected to information and resources through the internet, providing funding for services that keep students and libraries connected to high-speed broadband services.

The Rural Health Care program funds broadband through the federal [Health Care Connect Fund](#), and voice and data through the Telecommunications Program – supporting health care facilities in bringing world-class medical services to rural areas through increased connectivity.

“We’re thrilled to welcome Ariel Burr to our leadership team. Her unique skill set and experience working with government agencies at both the state and federal levels adds significant value to the corporation,” says Chief Revenue Officer Michael (Mac) McHale. “Quintillion believes in the principle that everyone in the U.S. deserves high-speed connectivity that is accessible and affordable. We are committed to achieving universal service in Alaska and Ariel is the right person to help us achieve that goal.”



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## About Quintillion

Quintillion is a private global communications corporation located in Anchorage, AK. Quintillion built and operates a submarine and terrestrial high-speed fiber optic cable system that spans the Alaskan Arctic and connects to the lower-48. The three-phase Quintillion subsea cable system will ultimately connect Asia to the American Pacific Northwest, and to Western Europe via the Northwest Passage through the Alaskan and Canadian Arctic.

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