

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$3,000,000.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: MS/Hinds

Congressman: Guest, Michael (MS 03)

Senators: Hyde-Smith, Cindy (MS), Wicker, Roger (MS)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 80-mile Fiber-to-the-Premises system to benefit 1,066 residents and 5 businesses in the Jasper Counties, Mississippi service area. Subscribers will have access to service up to 1 Gbps, expanding access to economic, educational, health care, and public safety opportunities. A Community Center will be provided in a modular building placed within the service area where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 1,066

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$1,214,387.00

Total Project Cost: \$4,214,387.00

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