

Summaries of 2009 Community Connect Broadband Grants September 30, 2009

ARKANSAS

**Buford Communications I, LP dba Alliance Communications Network
Rondo, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$681,070
Contact: Bennett W. Hooks III (913) 561-4411
County: Lee; 1st Congressional District**

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide broadband services to the community of Rondo, Arkansas through a hybrid fiber coax network. The town hall and community center will receive two years of free broadband access. The community will benefit from increased public safety, improved health care, additional educational opportunities, and economic benefits to all.

**Buford Communications I, LP dba Alliance Communications Network
Aubrey, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$735,020
Contact: Bennett W. Hooks III (913) 561-4411
County: Lee; 1st Congressional District**

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide broadband services to the community of Aubrey, Arkansas through a hybrid fiber coax network. The town hall and community center will receive broadband services free of charge for two years. To promote e-commerce in the community, Buford Communications has offered to assist the local business owners with web page development and web hosting.

**Buford Communications I, LP dba Alliance Communications Network
La Grange, Arkansas
Grant Amount: \$667,120
Contact: Bennett W. Hooks III (913) 561-4411
County: Lee; 1st Congressional District**

Buford Communications I, L.P. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the community of La Grange, Arkansas through a hybrid fiber coax network. A new community center will be established, providing the residents with continuing adult education through on-line courses and a meeting place for the community's private groups and clubs.

CALIFORNIA

ORCA Broadband Inc.
Hornbrook, California
Grant Amount: \$550,950
Contact: Tom Wielert (541) 892-1894
County: Siskiyou; 2nd Congressional District

ORCA Broadband Inc will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband Internet access to via a fixed wireless network to Hornbrook, a small town located in Siskiyou County in the Central part of California. Through funding provided by the Community Connect Broadband Grant, Hornbrook's fire and rescue personnel will now have the ability to receive virtual real time warnings, allowing for faster requests and response times.

Yurok Tribe
Yurok Reservation, California
Grant Amount: \$564,000
Contact: Maria Tripp, (704) 482-1350
County: Del Norte & Humboldt Counties; 1st Congressional District

Yurok Tribe will use grant funds from the Rural Utilities Service to provide wireless broadband services to the Yurok Reservation. A community center will be established to provide free Internet access to tribal residents. Residents will be able participate in online education and training programs at the center. Free Internet access will also be provided to the tribal police and volunteer fire departments.

Round Valley Indian Tribes of the Round Valley Indian Reservation
Round Valley Indian Reservation, California
Grant Amount: \$474,886
Contact: Carlino Bettega, (704) 983-6126
County: Mendocino County; 1st Congressional District

Round Valley Indian Tribes will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband service to the Round Valley Indian Reservation in California. A community center will be established to provide residents free Internet access for two years. Education and career development programs will also be provided at the center.

COLORADO

PC Telcorp, Inc.

Sedgwick, Colorado

Grant Amount: \$402,666

Contact: Vince Kropp (970) 854-2201

County: Sedgwick; 4th Congressional District

PC Telcorp, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to rural Sedgwick, Colorado. Hybrid fiber coaxial technology will be used to accomplish this goal. In cooperation with the Platte Valley Elementary School and the Platte Valley School District, a community center will be constructed on school grounds. The center will offer free Internet access to the school and community for two years. The Town of Sedgwick and the volunteer fire department will also receive free broadband access for two years.

IDAHO

Pend Oreille Valley Network, Inc.

Clark Fork, Idaho

Grant Amount: \$834,164

Contact: Melannie Jones (509) 447-3067

County: Bonner; 1st Congressional District

Pend Oreille Valley Network, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to Clark Fork, a community in the mountainous panhandle region of Idaho. A community center will be established, where broadband Internet access will be provided to local residents free of charge for two years. In addition, Pend Oreille Valley Network will offer education and training programs at the center.

LOUISIANA

Nexus Systems, Inc.

Enterprise, Louisiana

Grant Amount: \$ 924,308

Contact: Mark Stevenson, (318) 340-0750

County: Catahoula Parish; 5th Congressional District

Nexus Systems, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Enterprise, Louisiana. The volunteer fire department and the community center will receive broadband service free of charge for two years. Nexus Systems will also provide the community with web-based services such as web hosting and IP video conferencing services for public meetings.

MISSOURI

Turkeyfoot Construction, LLC. Dba Lake Communications
Brownington, Missouri
Grant Amount: \$471,905
Contact: Tony Gilbert (817) 242-3830
County: Henry, 4th Congressional District

Turkeyfoot Construction will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the community of Brownington, Missouri. Hybrid fiber coaxial technology will be used to accomplish this goal. A community learning center will be established where local residents will receive free broadband Internet access for two years.

NEW MEXICO

Agavue, LLC
Los Cerrillos, New Mexico
Grant Amount: \$550,950
Contact: Scott Schooley (505) 246-6990
County: Santa Fe; 3rd Congressional District

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Los Cerrillos, New Mexico. Free broadband Internet access will be offered at the community center for two years. Agavue will also provide free computer training to local residents at the center.

Agavue, LLC
Manzano, New Mexico
Grant Amount: \$550,950
Contact: Scott Schooley (505) 246-6990
County: Torrance; 1st Congressional District

Agavue will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Manzano, New Mexico. A new community center will be built, where free broadband Internet access will be offered to local residents for two years. The center will also serve as the town hall and emergency services facility.

OKLAHOMA

@Link Services, LLC
Shamrock, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$535,998
Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 753-7167
County: Creek County; 3rd Congressional District

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Shamrock, Oklahoma. The community center will provide free broadband Internet access to the residents for two years. @Link Services will also provide complementary broadband services to the local fire and police departments.

@Link Services, LLC
Kildare, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$577,618
Contact: Samuel Curtis, (405) 753-7167
County: Kay County; 3rd Congressional District

@Link Services will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Kildare, Oklahoma. The location of the community in Oklahoma's Tornado Alley has made its residents prime targets of catastrophic tornados. Real time weather radar and national weather updates are critical in saving lives, especially in remote areas without adequate tornado warning sirens. Broadband Internet access will allow local residents to receive advanced weather warnings. A new community center will provide residents with free broadband Internet service for two years.

3 Brothers Networks LLC
Marble City, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$223,417
Contact: Jason Stevens (405) 780-1182
County: Sequoyah; 2nd Congressional District

Rural Utilities Service funds will be used to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Marble City, Oklahoma, an area of rugged topography. Wireless technology will be employed to accomplish the project. A community center will be established, where free broadband Internet will be offered to the residents for two years. Education and training programs will also be provided at the center.

Wichita Online, Inc.
Cooperton, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$597,000
Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700
County: Kiowa; 3rd Congressional District

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband service to the community of Cooperton, Oklahoma. A community center will be built, where free broadband Internet access will be provided to local residents for two years. Wichita Online will also provide free broadband Internet access to the County Sheriff and Volunteer Fire Department.

Wichita Online, Inc.

Yeager, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$498,500
Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700
County: Hughes; 2nd Congressional District

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Yeager, Oklahoma. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the community center, town hall, volunteer fire department and the Yeager Head Start Education Center for two years.

Wichita Online, Inc.
Clearview, Oklahoma
Grant Amount: \$498,500
Contact: Dustin Hilliary (580) 529-2700
County: Okfuskee; 2nd Congressional District

Wichita Online, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Clearview, Oklahoma. Free broadband Internet access will be provided to the community center, town hall, and volunteer fire department for two years.

TEXAS

281 Communications Corporation, Inc.
Lometa, Texas
Grant Amount: \$601,736
Contact: Bruce Wiefert (830) 798-9041
County: Lampasas; 11th Congressional District

281 Communications Corporation, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide wireless broadband services to the community of Lometa, Texas. A community center will be established in a renovated building, where free broadband Internet will be offered to the residents for two years. Education and training programs will also be provided at the center.

VIRGINIA

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc.
Hurley, Virginia
Grant Amount: \$997,015
Contact: Paul Gearheart, (606) 479-6254
County: Buchanan; 9th Congressional District

Inter Mountain Cable, Inc. will use Rural Utilities Service funds to provide broadband services to the community of Hurley, Virginia via a hybrid fiber cable system. A community center will be established in a renovated building in Hurley, and will provide

training to the community in Internet usage. The Hurley Family Health Center and Knox Creek Fire and Rescue, Inc. will receive free broadband service for two years.

The Wired Road Authority

Grant, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$837,453

Contact: Michael Maynard, (276) 579-9442

County: Grayson; 9th Congressional District

Rural Utilities Service funding was awarded to The Wired Road Authority to provide broadband services to Grant, Virginia through public/private partnerships. A combination of fiber and wireless facilities will bring the service to this remote area, benefitting residents and local businesses. The local Grange Hall Computing Center will provide free Internet access to the community for two years, and a new Grayson County Public School presently under construction will be connected to fiber through this project.

Techcore Consultants II, dba Almega Cable

Carbo, Virginia

Grant Amount: \$610,300

Contact: Thomas Kurien (817) 685-9588

County: Russell; 9th Congressional District

Techcore Consultants II, dba Almega Cable will use Rural Utilities Service funds to bring much needed broadband services to the community of Carbo, Virginia, by means of a hybrid coax system. A new community center will be established in Carbo to provide online education and training to the residents. Free broadband Internet access will be offered to local residents at the center for two years.