

## **2015 Community Connect Broadband Grant Program Award Summaries**

### **ALASKA:**

**Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc.**

**Community: Point Hope**

**Grant Amount: \$1,418,502**

**Contact: Steve Merriam, CEO/General Manager, 907-564-2600**

**County: North Slope Borough, ALASKA**

**Congressional District: AK-At Large (project); AK-At Large (awardee)**

The award of the Community-Oriented Connectivity Broadband Grant Program would provide the Point Hope PFSA with the ability to construct a broadband network to provide broadband services to the residents and businesses within the PFSA

The types of services to be offered by ASTAC in the PHA PFSA include high-speed Internet, local telephone service and custom calling features, long distance telephone service, and Ethernet transport services. Funding for this project will allow ASTAC to prepare the Point Hope access network for an undersea fiber connection that is planned for 2016/2017.

The high-speed Internet service deployed over the FTTH & VDSL equipment with the Point Hope Project will have a superior user experience to other technologies. The speeds will be faster and more reliable when compared to that of traditional DSL or wireless product offerings, with the new FTTH & VDSL system the ability to move from a TDM voice circuit to a VoIP circuit is possible. This provides the possibility for additional IP-based calling features.

### **OKLAHOMA:**

**@Link Services, LLC.**

**Community:**

**Grant Amount: \$1,471,676**

**Contact: Ms. Kerry Conn, Managing Member 405-343-8232**

**County: Seminole County, Oklahoma**

**Congressional District: OK-05 (project); OK-05 (awardee)**

The proposal will provide broadband at speeds surpassing those required by the RUS Community Connect Grant program to all homes, businesses, and critical community facilities in the Seminole County Proposed Funded Service Area. The proposal will provide a free community center that will be open to the public, accessible on weekends and outside normal business hours. The center will be proctored by trained, knowledgeable staff that will be able to assist and train guests of the center.

The project will connect the existing @Link network that currently service approximately 10,000 subscribers to two communications towers constructed in and near the PFSA.

**VIRGINIA:**

**Scott County Telephone Cooperative**

**Community: Edwards Ridge and surrounding area in Dickenson County, Virginia.**

**Grant Amount: \$2,135,158**

**Contact: Mr. William Franklin, CEO, 276-452-9119**

**County: Dickenson County, Virginia.**

**Congressional District: VA-09 (project); VA-09 (awardee)**

Scott County Telephone Cooperative proposes to construct a broadband IP Ethernet network with one (1) gigabyte of bandwidth for 580 locations in Edwards Ridge and surrounding area in Dickenson County, Virginia. This broadband service would tremendously benefit Edwards Ridge and surrounding area by boosting their economy and help promote economic development.

**MINNESOTA:**

**Northeast Service Cooperative**

**Community: Fond du Lac Reservation**

**Grant Amount: \$3,000,000**

**Contact: Lyle McVey, Chief Technology Officer, 218-748-7623**

**County: Carlton, MINNESOTA**

**Congressional District: MN-08 (project); MN-08 (awardee)**

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**Contact: Lyle McVey, Chief Technology Officer, 218-748-7623**

**County: St. Louis, MINNESOTA**

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