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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$718,656

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

State: Alaska

County: Bethel Census Area (Tract 2 – City of Bethel), 1st Dist.

Congressman, District: Young, 1st Dist.

Senators: Begich and Murkowski

Recipient: Bethel Broadcasting, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Michal Martz

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to complete the build out of the digital origination, production and broadcast systems by allowing the rural station KYUK to purchase and install a digital production switcher, digital audio console, digital routing switcher, distal studio cameras and other production equipment. The project will also fund conversion of an analog low power transmitter which carries additional public channels as part of the Alaska Rural Communications Service. The remote town of Bethel is not connected by any roads and can only be reached by air. It is a hub community, also supplying services to 56 smaller predominantly Yup'ik Eskimo villages scattered in the region. Serving this remote area with improved service over 8 digital channels will greatly benefit rural residents.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$59,500

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

State: Idaho

County: Idaho, Lewis, and Nez Perce, 1st Dist.

Congressman, District: Labrador, 1st Dist.

Senators: Crapo and Risch

Recipient: Idaho Public Television

Recipient Contact: Rich Van Genderen

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade the power output on one the digital translators to improve the quality and availability of the Idaho Public Television over-the-air programming for several communities in and around the Camas Prairie region of central Idaho. The translator is currently licensed for greater output power than the current translator is capable of producing, and signal strengths through much of the viewing area are weak. Improved signal strength will be provided to rural target communities of Grangeville, Winchester, Ferdinand and Craigmont, as well as to feed translators serving isolated communities of Kamiah and Kooskia – allowing them to switch to digital broadcasting. The project ensures that the improved digital coverage more closely replicates the original analog service area.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$357,700

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

State: Kentucky

County: Adair, Casey, Clinton, Cumberland, Marion, Russell, Taylor, 1st Dist.; Boyle, Garrard, Green, Washington, 2nd Dist.; Greenup, Lewis, Mason, 4th Dist.; Breathitt, Carter, Clark, Clay, Elliott, Floyd, Harlan, Johnson, Knott, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, Letcher, Lincoln, McCreary, Magoffin, Martin, Morgan, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Rowan, Wayne, 5th Dist.; Bath, Fleming, Menifee, Montgomery, Nicholas, Powell, Robertson, Wolfe, 6th Dist.

Congressman, District: Whitfield, 1st Dist.; Guthrie, 2nd Dist.; Massie, 4th Dist.; Rogers, 5th Dist.; and Barr, 6th Dist.

Senators: McConnell and Paul

Recipient: Kentucky Authority for Educational Television

Recipient Contact: Fred Engel

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to replace twenty analog microwave radios with digital radios connecting the network center with four rural transmitters: WKSO (Somerset), WKMR (Morehead), WKHA (Hazard) and WKPI (Pikesville). By replacing the existing analog based microwave infrastructure with digital packet based microwave technology, KET will be able to deliver a better and more reliable digital data stream to the rural areas served. Areas served by these transmitters are very rural and low income. These areas most need the many educational services that KET provides.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$112,822

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

State: New Mexico

County: Lincoln, 2nd Dist.

Congressman, District: Pearce, 2nd Dist.

Senators: Udall and Heinrich

Recipient: Eastern New Mexico University

Recipient Contact: Duane Ryan

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund two fill-in translators serving the Native American Mescalero Apache Tribe's Reservation in and around Mescalero, New Mexico. Prior to the digital transition, these areas received an analog signal from a transmitter on Buck Mountain. Due to mountainous terrain the digital signal no longer adequately reaches the valleys of the reservation. Placement of the new digital translator in the tow mountainous locations will allow tribal members to pick up the KENW-TV public television signal in their homes with inexpensive indoor antenna. The system will also carry Emergency Alert System to this area where there are currently no over the air digital signals available to most residents.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$566,505

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

State: Puerto Rico

Counties: Adjuntas, Aguas Buenas, Aguadilla, Aguada, Añasco, Arecibo, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamón, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Camuy, Canóvanas, Carolina, Cataño, Cayey, Ceiba, Ciales, Cidra, Coamo, Comerío, Corozal, Culebra, Dorado, Fajardo, Florida, , Guánica, Gurabo, Guaynabo, Guayama, Guayanilla, Hatillo, Hormigueros, Humacao, Isabela, Jayuya, Juana Díaz, Juncos, Lajas, Lares, Las Marías, Las Piedras, Loíza, Luquillo, Manatí, Maunabo, Maricao, Mayagüez, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orocovis, Patillas, Peñuelas, Ponce, Quebradillas, Rincón, Río Grande, Sabana Grande, Salinas, San Germán, San Juan, San Lorenzo, San Sebastián, Santa Isabel, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, Vieques, Villalba, Yabucoa, and Yauco

Commissioner: Pierluisi

Recipient: Ana G. Mendez University System, Inc.

Recipient Contact: Ariel Diaz

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San Juan, Puerto Rico 00926

Telephone: (787) 766-2600 X-8917

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to complete the objectives of the previous grant that was partially funded. Funds will provide for digital field production equipment such as HD digital cameras, tapeless video recorders, test and measurement equipment, etc., to produce and originate educational, social, and cultural programming from remote locations.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$465,739

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant

Commonwealth: Puerto Rico

Municipalities: Adjuntas, Aguada, Aguadilla, Aguas Buenas, Aibonito, Anasco, Arecibo, Arroyo, Barceloneta, Barranquitas, Bayamon, Cabo Rojo, Caguas, Camuy, Canovanas, Carolina, Catano, Cayey, Ceiba, Ciales, Cidra, Coamo, Comerio, Corozal, Culebra, Dorado, Fajardo, Florida, Guanica, Guayama, Guayanilla, Guaynabo, Gurabo, Hatillo, Hormigeros, Humacao, Isabela, Jayuya, Juana Diaz, Juncos, Lajas, Lares, Las Marias, Las Piedras, Loiza, Luquillo, Manati, Maricao, Maunabo, Mayaguez, Moca, Morovis, Naguabo, Naranjito, Orovis, Patillas, Penuelas, Ponce, Quebradillas, Rincon, Rio Grande, Sabana Grande, Salinas, San German, San Juan, San Lorenzo, San Sebastian, Santa Isabel, Toa Alta, Toa Baja, Trujillo Alto, Utuado, Vega Alta, Vega Baja, Vieques, Villalba, Yabucoa, and Yauco

Commissioner: Pierluisi

Recipient: Puerto Rico Public Broadcasting Corporation

Recipient Contact: Carmen Lopez-Martinez

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for replacing obsolete microwave equipment. The project will provide equipment to ensure the WIPR-TV Studio to Transmitter link and WIPM studio microwave link will successfully carry SD and HD digital TV service to reach the communities in the WIPM coverage area.

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PROJECT SELECTION NOTICE

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$750,000

Program: Public Television Digital Transition Grant Program

State: West Virginia

County: Barbour, Brooke, Gilmer, Grant, Harrison, Marion, Marshall, Mineral, Monongalia, Ohio, Preston, Taylor, Tucker, Wetzel, Wood, 1st Dist.; Berkeley, Braxton, Calhoun, Clay, Hampshire, Hardy, Jackson, Jefferson, Kanawha, Lewis, Morgan, Putnam, Roane, Wirt, 2nd Dist.; Boone, Cabell, Fayette, Greenbrier, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Raleigh, Summers, Wayne, Webster, and Wyoming, 3rd Dist.

Congressman: McKinney, 1st Dist.; Capito, 2nd Dist.; and Rahall, 3rd Dist.

Senators: Rockefeller and Manchin

Recipient: West Virginia Educational broadcasting Authority

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to convert the television production studio from analog to HD digital. The studio is located in Charleston, WV. This project will benefit viewers in six States.

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