

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$2,520,874.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: LA/Natchitoches

Congressman: Fleming, John C. (LA 04), McAllister, Vance (LA 05)

Senators: Landrieu, Mary (LA), Vitter, David (LA)

Recipient: Nexus Systems, Inc.

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Project Description: Nexus Systems, Inc will utilize Community Connect grant funds to provide the PFSA of Powhatan, Louisiana with a high-speed broadband fiber optics link. The fiber will have a fiber count of 218 linking from Powhatan north and west to Mansfield and continuing north to the regional fiber hub in Shreveport, Louisiana. The entities in the PFSA will be connected to the fiber system via a microwave tower which will provide a minimum of 5 Mbps for subscribers with up to 14 Mbps per user id desired in the future. This infrastructure will be a robust broadband network to serve the PFSA of Powhatan, Louisiana that is located in the sparsely populated, chronic economically challenged and persistently impoverished Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

People Who Will Benefit: 292

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$457,268.00

Total Project Cost: \$2,978,142.00

RUS ID: LA1405-H23

USDA Rural Development has approved a grant of \$1,533,621.00

Program: Community Connect Grants

State/County: LA/Iberville

Congressman: Graves, Garret (LA 06)

Senators: Cassidy, Bill (LA), Kennedy, John Neely (LA)

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Project Description: This Rural Development investment will be used to construct an approximately 22-mile Fiber-to-the Premises system to benefit 434 residents and 8 businesses in the West Baton Rouge Parrish, Louisiana 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 an existing building where residents can access the Internet free of charge for at least two years.

People Who Will Benefit: 434

Additional Funding: Applicant Contribution: \$270,639.00

Total Project Cost: \$1,804,260.00

RUS ID: LA1406-A23