

Rural Utilities Service Distance Learning and Telemedicine Awards For the Competition Year 2013

Please Note:

The projects herein were awarded with funds from the 2013 DLT Appropriations. Technically, these projects were awarded in Fiscal Year 2014, and summary reports made for the FY 2014 will reflect the amounts included in this batch of awards. However, it is important to the consistency of this Web presentation to associate the awards for the 2013 DLT Competition with the Year 2013 on this Website.

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AK	Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium	\$114,842
AK	Annette Island School District	\$394,665
AK	Chugachmiut	\$180,656
AK	Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments	\$263,377
AK	Hydaburg School District	\$500,000
AL	Tuskegee University	\$363,874
AR	Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts	\$499,905
AZ	Cochise County	\$145,987
AZ	Flagstaff Medical Center	\$174,706
CA	Butte County Office of Education	\$284,239
CA	Clinica Sierra Vista	\$235,826
CO	Catholic Health Initiatives Colorado Foundation	\$257,249
GA	South Georgia Government Service Authority	\$496,727
ID	Idaho Department of Administrator	\$498,627
ID	Idaho Department of Administrator	\$476,010
KS	KVC Health Systems, Inc.	\$330,695
KS	Southwest Kansas Educational Consortium	\$426,675
KY	Norton Healthcare Foundation	\$259,607
MD	San Mar, Inc	\$450,883
ME	Community Health & Counseling Services	\$103,235

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	Agriculture	
ME	Island Institute	\$499,796
ME	Maine School Administration District #54	\$499,278
ME	Maine School Administration District #61	\$496,078
ME	Maine School Administrative District #37	\$490,625
ME	Western Foothills Regional School Unit #10	\$498,907
MI	Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems	\$119,100
MN	CentraCare Health Systems	\$391,761
MN	East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative	\$238,294
MN	Mesabi Range Community & Technical College	\$355,005
MN	Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	\$500,000
MN	Russell-Tyler-Ruthton (RTR) Public Schools	\$99,103
MO	Citizens Memorial Hospital	\$175,989
MO	Harrison County Community Hospital District	\$500,000
MO	Mercy Health	\$382,748
MO	Ozarks Medical Center	\$274,638
MO	Sweet Springs R-VII School District	\$434,328
MS	Jefferson Davis County School District	\$499,215
MS	Rush Health Systems, Inc.	\$436,748
MS	University of Mississippi Medical Center	\$378,360
MT	Kalispell Regional Medical Center	\$363,326
NC	East Carolina University	\$451,955
NC	Grandfather Home for Children, Inc.	\$393,368
NE	Educational Service Unit #16	\$399,988
NE	Educational Service Unit #8	\$287,442
NE	Educational Service Unit 13	\$500,000
NE	Mid-Plains Community College	\$118,700
NE	Virtual Periop Care, LLC	\$236,846
NH	Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	\$498,356
NH	Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital	\$500,000
NH	University of New Hampshire	\$116,801
NM	Oso Vista Ranch dba Oso Ranch Project	\$361,546
NV	Yerington Paiute Tribe	\$50,268
NY	Cattaraugus Allegany Erie Wyoming BOCES	\$218,787
NY	Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Projects, Inc.	\$178,519
NY	Jefferson Lewis Hamilton Herkimer Oneida BOCES	\$487,267



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NY	Oswego County BOCES	\$302,678
NY	Otsego Northern Catskills BOCES	\$379,598
NY	Seneca Nation of Indians	\$463,253
NY	St. Lawrence-Lewis BOCES	\$500,000
ОН	South Central Ohio Computer Association	\$183,995
OK	Arkoma School District	\$393,333
OK	Eastern Oklahoma State College	\$455,475
OK	McAlester Public School	\$336,543
OK	University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center	\$500,000
PA	Brownsville Area School District	\$175,494
PA	Carbon Schuylkill Community Hospital, Inc.	\$351,905
PA	Potter County Education Council	\$174,356
PA	Wayne Memorial Hospital	\$213,216
SC	Hampton Regional Medical Center	\$249,162
SC	South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice	\$196,809
SD	Avera Health	\$294,586
TN	Columbia State Community College	\$150,811
TX	Education Service Center Region IX	\$277,035
TX	Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation	\$299,370
TX	Region 4 Education Service Center	\$200,151
TX	Region XIV Education Service Center	\$288,192
VA	New College Foundation	\$500,000
VA	Rector and Visitors of the University of Virginia	\$253,330
WA	Confederated Tribes of Colville Indian Reservation	\$500,000
WA	Confluence Health	\$331,935
WA	Kadlec Regional Medical Center	\$329,269
WA	Kiona Benton School District	\$168,473
WA	Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation	\$280,468
WI	Cooperative Educational Service Agency #11	\$179,271
WI	Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10	\$329,167
WI	Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10	\$297,340
	CAMC Health Education and Research Institute, Inc.	\$254,903
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WV WV	Davis Memorial Hospital	\$74,189



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$263,377

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Alaska (StrikeForce State)

County: Yukon Koyukuk

Congressman, District: Don Young

Senators: Mark Beqich & Lisa Murkowski

Awardee: Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to by the Council of

Athabascan Tribal Government (CATG) telehealth project to provide videoconferencing equipment to clinical project sites in Birch Creek, Venetie, Fort Yukon, Beaver and Arctic Village. These clinical sites are located in the Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area, which is highly remote and not easily accessible. This project will serve 985 people in 5 villages. The telemedical equipment will allow face-to-face medical consultation between local care provider and patient on one end, to a physician specialist at a distant large hospital on the other end. The same videoconferencing equipment will be used to keep local care providers up-to-date with new procedures and all aspects of medical education. This grant will provide funding to improve access to basic health care services, as well as education health and

well-being services to citizens in CATG communities.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$ 114,842

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Alaska

County: Aleutians East Borough, Aleutians West Census Area, North Slope

Borough, Valdez-Cordova Census Area, Ketchikan Gateway

Borough, Northwest Arctic Borough, and Nome Census Area, Sitka City and Borough, Juneau City and Borough, Prince of Wales-Hyder

Census Area, Haines Borough, Hoonah-Angoon Census Area, Wrangell City and Borough, and Kenai Peninsula Borough

Congressman, District: Don Young

Senators: Mark Beqich and Lisa Murkowski

Borrower: Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium

Borrower Contact: Brian Wregglesworth, Director of Product Development

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment that

will improve the interoperability of video teleconferencing systems between users and the centrally-managed hub. Also equipment will be purchased that will allow users to 'capture' virtual sessions between patients and providers. Webcams and audio interface units

will be provided to end users in need of basic interactive

functionality. It is projected that nearly 3,200 people will benefit from this new video teleconferencing system in the first year alone.

The grant will be managed by Alaska Native Tribal Health

Consortium, which includes 9 organizations that work

collaboratively to deliver innovative and robust telehealth solution

throughout the Alaska Federal Health Care system.

Matching Funds: \$61,838



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$180,656

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Alaska (StrikeForce State)

Kenai Peninsula Borough County:

AK 1st Don Young Congressman, District:

Mark Begich & Lisa Murkowski Senators:

Grantee: Chugachmiut

Ms. Kathleen S. Steward, CHAP Director **Project Contact:**

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Chugachmiut for the

> purchase of telemedicine equipment which will upgrade existing units and purchase new items to re-establish a viable telemedicine network between Native village sites in their Chugach region, and their other offices in Seward and Anchorage. Upgrades at the

Anchorage and Seward sites will allow Chugachmiut to implement a

behavioral health component, drawing from behavioral health specialists from Anchorage. Four of the remote sites (Tatitlek,

Chenega, Port Graham and Nanwalek) have absolutely no road access. The grant will upgrade existing telemedicine carts that have

outdated components, and provide newly configured patient terminals equipped with electronic diagnostic devices. North Star Clinic in Seward is a hub/end user site, and provides an intermediary link between the main office in Anchorage and the Chugach villages. Each of the 4 village clinics will be linked with Anchorage and the

North Star Clinic.

Matching Funds: \$81,200



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$394,665

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Alaska

County:

Congressman, District: AK at large Don Young

Senators: Mark Begich & Lisa Murkowski

Borrower: Annette Island School District

Borrower Contact: Mr. Eugene Avey

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be awarded to the Annette Island

School District to acquire interactive video conferencing for a distance learning system that will connect their students, and students in Chatham, Chevak, Kashunamuit, and Klawock School Districts with each other and with the world-at-large. In order to overcome their situation of living in such a remote location the distance learning system video teleconferencing platform will offer these young Alaskans the same opportunities in the Internet-based economy as students in urbanized centers across America. The project will impact the educational life for 921 students and has the potential to impact the educational life for over 5,000 adult learners.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State(s) Alaska

County(ies): Prince of Wales-Outer Ketchikan Borough

Congressman, District: AK at large, Young

Senators: Lisa Murkowski & Mark Begich

Grantee: **Hydaburg School District**

Project Contact: Lauren Burch

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for video conference

equipment to be used to provide distance learning and training content to eleven schools in three rural school districts in rural Alaska: Hydaburg, Southeast Island and Craig. Each of the end user sites is located in the SEALASKA Regional Corporation area, a Native-owned company with diverse commercial, environmental and technological enterprises. The communities served are isolated and can only be reached by water of float plane. The schools will be connected with the University of Alaska in Juneau. The university will be offering a wide range of vocationally oriented and high interest curricula that allows students to be well prepared for college

or a professional vocation. The equipment will be also be used to expand staff professional development, virtual field trips, to provide

education for all community members and to connect Native Alaska students with other Native American students in the U.S.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$363,874

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Alabama (StrikeForce state)

County: Barbour, Bullock & Macon Counties

Representative, District: Martha Roby 2nd dist. & Mike (Al) Rogers 3rd dist.

Senators: Jeff Sessions & Richard C. Shelby

Awardee: **Tuskegee University**

Project Contact: Doris S. Holeman, PhD

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to put in place a multi-county

distance learning network hosted by Tuskegee University School of Nursing to educate, certify and prepare students for careers in Nursing, with an emphasis on serving rural institutions in Alabama. Tuskegee is partnering with Barbour Medical Center as hub sites serving an educational user base of high schools and Career and Technical Centers in Barbour, Bullock, and Macon Counties. School

sites will receive mobile medical carts with electronic medical

attachments, as well as student laptops and other portable computing devices. Instructors will receive laptops, telepresence units and other equipment, such as document cameras and electronic whiteboards. With the distance learning system in place high school students can get training for Certified Nursing Assistant credentials, and also forge pathways to Bachelor Degrees in Nursing through Tuskegee

University.

Matching Funds: \$112,500



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,905

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Arkansas (StrikeForce State)

County: Garland, Phillips, Monroe, Cross, Drew, Desha, St. Francis, Poinsett,

Chicot, Lee, Greene, Mississippi, and Clay Counties

Congressman, District: Rick Crawford, 1st dist. and Tom Cotton, 4th dist.

Senators: John Boozman and Mark L. Pryor

Grantee: Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts

Project Contact: Chris Robbins

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase servers and video

application software that will fortify a high-technology high-capability distance learning hub at the Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts location in Hot Springs. This 'server farm' will be used to manage and coordinate the distance learning activities between the 16 high schools in the project and the individual academic relationships that each school has with ASMSA teachers and mentors. The servers and their functional software will be specifically applied to support the target high schools of the project, located in the Delta region, with a strong focus on sciences, technologies, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The projected end result is to create a high availability environment for STEM

instructors and their classes (live or streamed), for content

management, and collaboration providing students from the Delta

Region with a strong STEM background and experience.

Other Funding: \$250,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$174,706

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine (SUTA)

State: Arizona (StrikeForce State 2014)

County: Coconino, Apache, Mohave, & Navajo Counties

Congressman, District: AZ-01 Ann Kirkpatrick (Coconino, Apache, Navajo,)

AZ-04 Paul Gosar (Mohave)

Senators: Jeff Flake

John McCain

Grantee: Flagstaff Medical Center

Project Contact: Ms. Gigi Sorenson, Director Telehealth

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase digital electronics

and software for a telemedicine system that will create a

communications platform for telemedical computer application between local clinics in Coconino, Apache, Mohave, & Navajo Counties and Flagstaff Medical Center. This system is designed to connect local care givers and their patients with specialists at Flagstaff supporting face-to-face consultations and live exam data

regardless of the distance. The system will focus on rural patients

with chronic diseases.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$145,987

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Arizona
County: Cochise

Representative, District: 02 Ron Barber

Senators: Jeff Flake & John McCain

Awardee: Cochise County

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase video-

conferencing units and software which will expand Cochise County's existing distance learning program into the county's elementary and middle schools while at the same time increase the capabilities of Cochise College to contribute courses, instructors and other structured content to the larger community of students. Video end point equipment will be placed in schools at Sierra Vista, Bowie, Elfrida, McNeal, Pearce, Hereford, Cochise, Huachuca City, Wilcox and Tombstone. Hub equipment will be installed at the Cochise County School headquarters in Bisbee and at Cochise College in Sierra Vista. In addition to the increase of shared courses and academic pursuits, the project will help to alleviate a severe teacher

shortage by offering professional development modules for current teachers, and creating a community-wide learning platform to reemploy retired teachers and train individuals having an interest in a

teaching career.

Matching Funds: \$70,000

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$284,239

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: California

County: Butte, Tehama, Trinity and Plumas Counties

Congressman, District: Doug LaMalfa 1st dist. & Jared Huffman 2nd dist.

Senators: Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein

Borrower: Butte County Office of Education

Borrower Contact: Neil Meyer, Information System Manager

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase components for a

video teleconferencing and distance learning system for a multicounty partnership of schools, hosted by Butte County Office of Education. As a solution to overcome budget cuts in education, a teacher shortage and other challenges, the distance learning system will leverage and improve the existing resource of teachers in this Northern California territory and provide a platform for collaboration and professional development. Over 3700 students per year will benefit from the panorama of learning possibilities that the system will open up. Schools in Gridley, Oroville, Berry Creek, Los Molinos, Hay Fork, Weaverville, Bridgeville, Portola, Quincy, and

Chester will receive video teleconferencing equipment, while the Butte County Office of Education in Oroville will receive video

system management equipment.

Matching Funds: \$137,689



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$235,826

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: California

County: Kern and Inyo Counties

Representative, District: CA 8th Paul Cook, CA 16th Jim Costa, CA 33rd Henry Waxman, &

CA 52nd Scott Peters

Senators: Barbara Boxer & Dianne Feinstein

Awardee: Clinica Sierra Vista

Project Contact: Stephen W. Schilling, Chief Executive Officer

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire video

teleconferencing system equipment including telepresence units, exam cameras and related equipment for Clinica Sierra Vista Death Valley Health Center in Shoshone, Frazier Mountain Community Health Center in Lebec, Kern River Health Center in Wofford Heights and Kern River Medical Center in Lake Isabella. The

system will be managed through a collaboration server which will be placed at the Clinica's main location in Bakersfield. This equipment will extend the care and consultation of Clinica's specialists so that services such as pain management, dermatology, and endocrinology can be brought to low-income and underserved patients in remote health center sites in the southern region of California's San Joaquin

Valley.

Matching Funds: \$118,638



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$257,249

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Colorado

County: Alamosa, Arapahoe, Chaffee, Conejos, Denver, El Paso, Grand,

Jefferson, La Plata, Lake, Lincoln, Pueblo, and Rio Grande Counties

Representatives, CO 01 Diana DeGette, CO 02 Jared Polis, CO 03 Scott Tipton, CO

District: 04 Cory Gardner, CO 05 Doug Lamborn, CO 06 Mike Coffman

Senators: Michael F. Bennet & Mark Udall

Awardee: Catholic Health Initiative Colorado Foundation

Project Contact: Ms. Samantha Lippolis

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Telephone: 303-267-8947

Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase telemedicine

equipment, such as medical carts with videoconferencing units, exam cameras, for a wide-ranging telemedicine project involving multiple rural end user sites and multiple urban hospital hub sites. Hub sites include hospitals in Denver, Englewood, Lakewood, Littleton, Colorado Springs and Pueblo which, all together, offer a large network of specialty departments and consulting physicians. Rural end user sites include hospitals and medical centers in La Jara, Del Norte, Alamosa, Salida, Hugo, Granby, Kremmling and Leadville. Specialty consults are expected to include a mix of cardiology, pulmonology, endocrinology, psychiatry, genetic counseling, and neurology. Consultations with specialists are expected to increase steadily over the next three years, from 90 to 500 cumulatively.

Matching Funds: \$78,204

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$496,727

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Georgia (StrikeForce State)

County: Thomas, Fulton, Baker, Mitchell, Worth, and Laurens Counties

Congressman, District: Sanford D. Bishop Jr. 2nd dist., John Lewis 5th dist., John Barrow 12th

dist.

Senators: Saxby Chambliss & Johnny Isakson

Grantee: South Georgia Governmental Service Authority (Informal RUS

Consortium)

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Coordinator

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase distance learning

equipment for public schools in Mitchell, Worth, Baker and Laurens Counties, and their host hub sites in Thomasville and Atlanta to establish a distance learning system. On behalf of five rural school districts South Georgia Governmental Services Authority will usher in a new approach to teaching Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) according to different learning modalities that are reflective of the different learning styles of students. IPads and laptops will be acquired along with video-equipped practitioner carts

for a mixed environment of distance learning user equipment.

Matching Funds: \$151,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$498,627

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Idaho

County: Bear Lake, Power, Cassia, Boise, Blaine, Owyhee, Camas, Valley,

Clearwater, Madison, Custer, Idaho, Bannock, Bonner, Twin Falls, Caribou, Elmore County, Gooding, Bingham, Bonneville, Shoshone,

Gem, Oneida, Canyon, Boundary, Lewis, Washington, Latah,

Jerome, Lemhi and Payette Counties

Congressman, District: O1 Raul R. Labrador & 02 Mike Simpson

Senators: Mike Crapo / James E. Risch

Borrower: **Idaho Department of Administration** (1)

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Idaho Education

Network to purchase video distance learning equipment for K-8 schools in 62 of Idaho's most rural and economically challenged communities. When the rural instructor flips the on-switch to the unit, the monitor lights up, and a new video endpoint is activated from deep inside some remote corner of Idaho's back country. The classroom is transported into a metropolis of ideas and academic pursuits, including training and certification for the teachers, and for emergency service personnel training during the after-school hours.

Matching Funds: \$251,294



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$476,010

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Idaho

County: Bingham, Minidoka, Cassia, Fremont, Kootenai, Valley, Bannock,

Ada, Teton, Payette, Latah, Gooding, Blaine, Jefferson, Franklin, Boise, Caribou, Lewis, Benewah, Nez Perce, Owyhee, Canyon, Elmore, Bonneville, Twin Falls, Boundary, Bonner, Lemhi, &

Lincoln Counties

Representative, District: ID 1st Raul R. Labrador & ID 2nd Mike Simpson

Senators: Mike Crapo & James E. Risch

Awardee: Idaho Department of Administration (2)

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to extend video distance

learning capabilities to elementary and middle schools throughout rural Idaho. As the 2nd part of a two-part statewide distance learning project, 69 communities will receive distance learning equipment that will provide a technological offset to budget cuts in education consequent to the economic downturn. By way of video and data communications, schools across Idaho will be able to share teachers and their courses, collaborate across distances, conduct virtual field trips, revive classes that had been dropped and introduce new

initiate job and career training, professional development for teachers and multi-use participation in communities during the schools' off hours. This program is expected to connect 20,823 students per year.

classes, support dual enrollment in postsecondary institutions,

Matching Funds \$358,580



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$330,695

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program:

Kansas, Kentucky & West Virginia State:

The grantee's service territory includes 85 Counties throughout County:

Eastern Kentucky & Western West Virginia. Their listing is broken-

out into 129 School Districts

Congressman, District:

Kentucky: Ed Whitfield 1^{st} dist., Brett S. Guthrie 2^{nd} dist. Thomas Massie 4^{th} dist., Harold Rogers 5^{th} dist. Andy Barr 6^{th} dist.; West Virginia: David Mckinley 1st dist., Shelley Moore Capitol 2nd dist. &

Nich Rahall 3rd dist.

Kansas: Jerry Moran & Pat Roberts; Kentucky: Mitch McConnell & Senators:

Paul Rand; West Virginia: Joe Manchin III & John D. Rockefeller

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Awardee: **KVC Health Systems, Inc.**

Mr. Jarrod Allen Dungan, Director of Business Technology **Project Contact:**

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase 400 iPads which

will be placed in the homes of KVC foster children and their foster

families, the video bridge equipment that will support the communications with a multi-device platform, and other video teleconferencing equipment suited to the 500 professional services that provide behavioral health therapy for the foster children and families. The equipment which enables this communications system will also provide direct, required, continuing education for foster parents, KVC professional staff and KVC's community partners.

Matching Funds: \$106,400



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$426,675

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Kansas

County: Meade, Pratt, Seward, Clark, Comanche, Ford, and Kiowa Counties

Congressman, District: Jo Bonner 1st dist. & Robert Aderholt 4th dist.

Senators: Jerry Moran & Pat Roberts

Grantee: Southwest Kansas Educational Consortium

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to restore an existing but

outdated distance learning system back into operation. Southwest

Kansas Educational Consortium will upgrade their video

teleconferencing carts (that can be moved from room-to-room), and re-equip their distance learning classrooms with full room (mounted)

video equipment where needed. The project will establish connections to Pratt Community College and Seward County Community College, a partnership which will open up new opportunities in technical skills and certification. In all, these

upgrades will have a positive educational and career impact on more than 400 students per year and the 130 teachers who will routinely

use the system.

Matching Funds: \$49,500



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$259,607

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Kentucky, Indiana

County: KY: Jefferson, Breckinridge, and Adair Counties

IN: Scott County

Congressman, District: KY 01 Ed Whitfield; KY 02 Brett S. Guthrie; KY 03 John A.

Yarmuth; IN 09 Todd Young

Senators: Mitch McConnell

Paul Rand

Grantee: Norton Healthcare Foundation

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to expand the Norton Rural

Medicine Initiative. The equipment provided by the DLT grant will allow Norton physicians and other medical specialists in Louisville to provide consultation to medical staff and their patients at three rural, community-based hospitals: Breckinridge Health and Westlake Regional Hospital in Kentucky; and Scott Memorial Hospital in Indiana. Instead of having to travel to the urbanized areas for pulmonary, cardiology, neurology, infectious disease and critical care, patients in the more rural areas on the outskirts of Louisville will be able to receive treatment and care otherwise not available in

their rural communities.

Matching Funds: \$130,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$450,883

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maryland

County: Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Frederick, Garrett, Prince George's,

Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Worcester & Washington

Counties

Representative, District: MD 02 Dutch Ruppersberger, MD 06 John Delaney, MD 01 Andy

Harris, MD 05 Steny Hoyer

Senators: Benjamin L. Cardin & Barbara A. Mikulski

Awardee: San Mar, Inc.

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance video conferencing

equipment for the San Mar Children's Home in Boonsboro and for the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services regional offices, joining them together to form a shared video communications system

for therapy/counseling, education and coordination. This new medium will transform the therapeutic, educational and familial communications among the children, their physicians, teachers and

biological parents with new efficiencies and possibilities for

problem-solving. San Mar will dedicate a large room outfitted with desktop video conferencing and also will receive portable units for

more individualized communications sessions at the campus

residence areas.

Matching Funds: \$258,730

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$103,235

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: Penobscot, Piscataquis and Washington Counties

Congressman, District: ME 2nd Michael Michael

Senators: Susan Collins & Angus S. King Jr.

Grantee: Community Health & Counseling Services

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase in-home patient

monitors, medication dispensers and screening monitors for

Community Health and Counseling Services, a provider of health services monitoring patients in Piscataquis and Washington counties with three specific conditions: 1) congestive heart failure; 2) known medication compliance issues; and 3) individuals in need of speech language pathology to address swallowing disorders. This project is unique in its technology - it functions using *plain old telephone service* or cellular connections. Having the most basic transmission requirements to operate the tele-monitoring system gives the project the ability to penetrate further into rural areas while reducing the cost of delivering the healthcare service. And by virtue of its telemedicine

function, the project reduces preventable hospital visits and emergency room visits, saving time and money across the board.

Matching Funds: \$103,235



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,278

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: Somerset and Penobscot Counties

Congressman, District: ME-02

Senators: Susan M. Collins & Angus S. King Jr.

Grantee: Maine School Administration District #54

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund computer and related

equipment for a (laptop)-based distance learning system. Students will be able to participate in live classes and work through structured content presented and mediated by the distance learning application

server. Maine School Administration District #54 is the lead applicant in this health education and wellness initiative, a partnership between Regional School Unit #19, Maine

Administrative Districts #53, and #74, Health Sebasticook Valley Coalition and the Greater Somerset Public Health Collaborative. The objective of the initiative is to increase elementary, middle and high school students' knowledge and practice of important health and wellness concepts. The project will involve 22 schools serving a total of 6,470 students, 575 teachers, 12,940 parents and 33,250

community members.

Matching Funds: \$336,908



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,796

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: Cumberland, Hancock, Knox, Waldo & Washington Counties

Representative, District: ME 01 Chellie Pingree; ME 02 Michael Michaed

Senators: Susan M. Collins & Angus S. King, Jr.

Awardee: Island Institute

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Project Description Rural Development funds will be used to purchase video

conferencing devices and hub equipment for a unique distance learning school system: a set of schools, all island and/or coastal locations, mostly in Maine, but also several in Alaska and the US Virgin Islands. Maine Island Institute, in Rockland, and College of the Atlantic, in Bar Harbor are educational and equipment hubs. Maine schools include Chebeague Is., Islesboro, Long Island,

Matinicus Is., North Haven, Bar Harbor, Trenton, Southwest Harbor, Isle au Haut, Frenchboro, Bass Harbor, East Machias, Jonesport, Cranberry Isles and Deer Isle. In Alaska there is a school in Sitka, and in the Virgin Islands there is a school in St. John. Educational user devices consist of iPads, desktop video systems and smart boards. The courses/educational content consist of Science,

Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, among other subjects. There is a special program for teachers to receive professional

development training and certification. Courses at college-level work

are geared to adults to access certification classes and other post-

secondary training in their own community.

Matching Funds \$351,413



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$490,625

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: Washington

Congressman, District: Michael Michael

Senators: Susan M. Collins

Angus S. King Jr.

Grantee: Maine School Administrative District (MSAD) #37 Regional

Service Unit (RSU) 37

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire the equipment and

software necessary to establish a seamless distance learning

connection between the schools of the Maine School Administrative District 37 and those of the Machias Bay Area School System into a distance learning *symbiotic* network. Adding to this rich educational environment, the MSAD will tap into the online resources of the University of Maine State Network. The new equipment and its capabilities will provide students with a much wider range of classes and teachers, opening up opportunities for college preparatory classes, dual credit courses, healthcare, diet, drug prevention, and youth group services. Adult education classes will also be carried on

the distance learning system, as well as professional development,

and public service courses, such as emergency planning.

Matching Funds: \$247,639



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$496,078

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: York, Cumberland, Oxford & Androscoggin Counties

Representative, District: MA 1 Chellie Pingree & MA-2 Michael Michaed

Senators: Susan M. Collins & Angus S. King Jr.

Awardee: Maine School Administrative District #61

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Project Description Rural Development funds will be used to provide video conferencing

equipment and educational technology for a large health-related and academic distance learning project in Western Maine hosted by Maine School Administrative District #61, partnering with District #55, Regional School Units #57 and #61, and with Goodall Hospital at Sanford. The *Partners for Healthier Communities* program will present courses and learning events that focus on reducing obesity, preventing smoking and substance abuse, and increasing physical activity and other healthy lifestyle choices will reach 6,545 students in 17 middle and elementary schools in the towns of Naples, Sebago,

Bridgton, West Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, West Newfield,

Waterboro, Shapleigh, Poland and Lyman. Equipment includes desktop video conferencing units, laptops and other devices. Once the schools are connected into the video network teachers and classes will be shared to make most efficient use of every available teaching

resource.

Matching Funds \$1,348,560

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$498,907

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Maine

County: Oxford

Representative, District: ME 02 Chellie Pingree

Senators: Susan M. Collins & Angus S. King, Jr.

Awardee: Western Foothills Regional School Unit #10

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to equip public schools in

Oxford County, Western Maine, with videoconferencing systems to implement a distance learning initiative for health and wellness education and paramedic training. Regional School Unit #10 is hosting the project with School Unit #72 in conjunction with the River Valley Communities Coalition, which has its headquarters and project hub site in Rumford. Med-Care Ambulance in Mexico, Maine, will provide paramedic and first responder training. Video endpoints for the initiative will be placed in public schools in

Buckfield, Dixfield, Rumford, Fryeburg, Peru, Mexico, Denmark,

Oxford, serving a total of 3,334 students.

Matching Funds: \$618,733

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$119,100

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Michigan and Florida

County: MI: Dickinson, Iron & Menominee Counties

FL: Hillsborough County

Representatives, District: Dan Benishek 1st dist.

Senators: Carl Levin & Debbie Stabenow

Grantee: Northpointe Behavioral Healthcare Systems

Project Contact: Mr. Josef Pelc, Information Systems Director

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to replace outdated video

teleconferencing equipment, and install a self-contained video teleconferencing system suited for rooms at behavioral health clinics placed in offices in nine rural Michigan locations. These units will help Northpointe provide tele-psychiatry, case management, and individual conferences between medical professionals and each patient with their family members or other support persons. There are 1,645 residents of Dickinson, Iron, and Menominee Counties in Michigan's Upper Peninsula who have been diagnosed as severely mentally ill or development disabled and 2,500 + family members and guardians who are their caregivers and support network.

Matching Funds: \$60,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$238,294

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Minnesota

County: Pine, Isanti, Mille Lacs, Kanabec, Chisago, Aitkin Counties

Congressman, District: MN 8th Rick Nolan

Senators: Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar

Grantee: East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the East Central Minnesota

Educational Cable Cooperative to acquire the necessary equipment to refit and update a video teleconferencing system which operates between the Cable Cooperative, Pine Technical College, the East Central Regional Library System and several sites at the Mile Lacs Reservation. The system, with its vast cross-organizational span will host a wide variety of courses, such as dual credit and certification courses, and will support many innovative platforms, such as one-to-one tutoring, mentoring, and the preservation and development of

Oiibwe language and culture.

Matching Funds: \$128,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$99,103

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Minnesota

County: Lincoln, Lyon and Pipestone Counties

Congressman, District: MN 07 Collin C. Peterson

Senators: Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar

Awardee: Russell-Tyler-Ruthton Public Schools

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Russell-Tyler-Ruthton

Public Schools (RTRPS) to purchase distance learning equipment and software needed to launch their video teleconferencing distance learning system, which will span over five rural school districts in

this tri-county area in Southwest Minnesota. With the new

equipment in operation, public schools in Tyler, Hendricks, Russell,

Lynd, and Ruthton will be united into a single virtual campus through their display monitors. For the student, the new equipment will open up the classroom to a wide range of new teachers, new courses, and new students with which to collaborate and explore learning opportunities. A partnership with Southwest Minnesota State University will provide the RTRPS with programs for the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) initiative and for vocational training courses and certification.

Matching Funds: \$49,500



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine (SUTA)

State: Minnesota

County: Beltrami, Cass, and Mahnomen Counties

Congressman, District: Collin C. Peterson 7th dist. & Rick Nolan 8th dist.

Senators: Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar

Grantee: Minnesota State College & Universities dba Bemidji State University

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to link 3 tribal colleges with

Bemidji State University and Northwest Technical College, creating a technology bridge which will bring higher education opportunities to the Leech Lake Tribal College, the Red Lake Nation College, and the White Earth Tribal Community College. These Native American

colleges currently have no existing or functioning interactive

distance learning equipment. The new connections will supply their students access to industry-driven certification training, bachelor's degrees and specialized associates degrees not available at their home colleges. The college will also use the new equipment and system to offer classes that preserve and promote Ojibwe culture and

language.

Matching Funds: \$155,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$355,005

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Minnesota

County: Lake & St. Louis Counties

Congressman, District: MN 8th Rick Nolan

Senators: Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar

Awardee: Mesabi Range Community & Technical College

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Mesabi Range Community

& Technical College (Mesabi), the host organization, to acquire and implement video endpoints and related installations in twelve K-12

schools throughout the Arrowhead Region of Northeastern

Minnesota. Two community colleges, Hibbing Community College in Hibbing, and Vermilion Community College in Ely will also be linked into the distance learning video network. The colleges will install state-of-the-art teleconferencing rooms designed to immerse students into the video-driven programs. The twelve K-12 schools will share each other's in-demand courses and tap into many of the community colleges programming. The Mesabi Academy, a juvenile correctional facility, will make best use of the project's technology as a tool to help inspire students and to better administer the

Academy's clinical/therapeutic services along with the educational benefits from the immersive classroom architecture and course

offerings through the wider video network.

Matching Funds: \$355,272



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$391,761

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Minnesota

County: Stearns, Wright, Douglas, and Todd Counties

Representatives, District: Michele Bachmann 6th dist.

Senators: Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar

Grantee: CentraCare Health Systems

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by CentraCare Health

Systems to purchase teleconferencing desktop systems, practitioner carts and related equipment and software which will be used to deliver telemedicine and provide medical professional education at seven rural hospitals in Central Minnesota. Specialists from St. Cloud Hospital will extend their services and expertise to member hospitals in Long Prairie, Melrose, Sauk Centre, Monticello, and Paynesville. Tri-County Hospital in Wadena and Douglas County in Alexandria will be provided with licenses to participate in the video teleconferencing medical network. Telemedical services to be featured are tele-stroke, tele-Cardiology and tele-Emergency Room.

Matching Funds: \$195,883



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$175,989

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Missouri

County: Polk, St. Clair, Bates, Cedar, Dade, Dallas, Greene, Henry, and

Hickory Counties

Congressman, District: MO 4th Vicky Hartzler and MO-7th Billy Young

Senators: Roy Blunt and Claire McCaskill

Grantee: Citizens Memorial Hospital District

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide telemedical

equipment for a telemedicine partnership lead by Citizens Memorial Hospital (Citizens). Citizens' hub partners include other providers in Bolivar: Parkview Orthopedic Clinic, Carrie J. Babb Cancer Center, Butterfield Park Pediatrics, Walk-in Clinic, and CMH Heart Institute Clinic. Another partner is Ellett Memorial Hospital in Appleton City.

These provider hubs have individual specialties in cardiology, oncology, urgent care, orthopedics, and pediatrics. Together, they offer an array of services under the umbrella organization of the telemedicine project (Citizens) and extend their services through telecommunications to smaller, more rural clinics in the towns of Pleasant Hope, Rockville, El Dorado Springs, Stockton, Greenfield, Buffalo, Montrose, Wheatland, Hermitage, Humansville, Appleton

City, and Deepwater.

Matching Funds: \$87,995



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$382,748

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Missouri

County: AR: Scott, Johnson, and Logan, Counties. OK: Carter, Adair, and

Counties. MO: Douglas, Wright, and Barry Counties

Congressman, District: MO 02 Ann Wagner; MO 07 Billy Long; MO 08 Jason Smith; AR

04 Tom Cotton; OK 02 Markwayne Mullin; OK 03 Frank Lucas

Senators: MO Roy Blunt & Claire McCaskill; AR John Boozman & Mark L.

Pryor; OK Tom Coburn & James M. Inhofe

Grantee: Mercy Health

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Mercy Health to purchase

equipment and devices that will be placed into exam rooms in 11 sites in Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The video endpoints will be located in very rural towns characterized by little or no access to primary or specialty care. Locations include public schools, such as Mansfield Elementary School, in Mansfield, Arkansas, and Westside High School, in Coal Hill, Arkansas. Other sites where the grant equipment will be deployed include family clinics, a critical access hospital, and a rural cardiology clinic in Stilwell. Physicians and other medical specialists at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis will be at the hub site end of the connection, using their audio/video equipment for face-to-face consultations, observation and diagnosis, and treatment

planning.

Matching funds: \$195,203



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$274,638

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Missouri

County: Howell, Shannon, Fulton, Oregon, Phelps, Pulaski, Dent, Maries,

Texas Counties

Congressman, District: MO 03 Blaine Luelkemeyer; MO 04 Vicky Hartzler; MO 08 Jason

Smith, AR01 Rick Crawford;

Senators: Roy Blunt

Claire McCaskill

Grantee: Ozarks Medical Center

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Ozarks Medical Center to

purchase the equipment necessary to expand medical services to their rural four hospitals and nine clinics. Setting up the new equipment at

these rural locations and integrating the technology with their delivery procedures will reduce rural patients' travel requirements and providing them with better care. Services will include telestroke, tele-psychiatry, tele-speech therapy and tele-dermatology.

Matching Funds: \$208,725



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Missouri

County: Harrison

Congressman, District: Sam Graves 6th dist.

Senators: Roy Blunt 7 Claire McCaskill

Grantee: Harrison County Community Hospital District

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase needed software

and equipment that will leverage the capabilities of Harrison

County's existing teleradiology system. The project will purchase a Radiology Information System (RIS) and RIS end user workstations for clinics at Princeton, Cainsville, and Bethany to connect to the

RIS. The project will also fund a new telemedicine unit for

Harrison's outpatient clinic which includes an electronic stethoscope. Also, by replacing old analog EKG machines with a new digital EKG device and acquiring a Cardiology Imaging Telemedicine System, cardiologists at Harrison will be able to modernize their practice and care, which will have a positive impact on operations in several departments, including emergency, respiratory therapy and

cardiac rehabilitation.

Other Funding: \$538,245



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$434,328

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant

State: Missouri

County: Audrain, Bates, Buchanan, Carroll, Johnson, Lafayette, Livingston,

Osage, Pettis & Saline Counties

Representatives, District: MO-03 Blaine Luetkemeyer (Osage),

MO-04 Vicky Hartzer (Pettis, Johnson & Audrain) MO-05 Emanuel Cleaver (Saline & LaFayette) MO-06 Sam Graves (Carroll, Buchanan, Livingson)

Senators: Claire McCaskill & Roy Blunt

Awardee: Sweet Springs R-VII School District

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire video conferencing

equipment, including hub technologies for interactive video communications and end user devices to connect 16 rural high schools in Western Missouri for a distance learning educational Consortium program at University of Central Missouri hosted by the

Sweet Springs School District. Under the operation of the Consortium the equipment will provide access to educational services and courses that are currently unavailable, with a focus on preparing 11th and 12th grade students at the 16 rural high schools for further academic work at the college level and supportive programs

that lead to professional degrees.

Matching Funds \$221,507



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$378,360

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Mississippi (StrikeForce State)

County: Hinds, Calhoun, Chickasaw, Holmes, Itawamba, Kemper,

Montgomery, Webster, Tishomingo, Pontotoc, and Yalobusha

Counties

Congressman, District: Alan Nunnelee 1-D, Bennie Thompson 2-D & Gregg Harper 3-D

Senators: Thad Cochran & Roger F. Wicker

Grantee: University of Mississippi Medical Center

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by a consortium of rural

hospitals in Mississippi for each to acquire a high definition video teleconferencing fixed unit for their emergency rooms, and mobile

units for ambulatory care at each hospital. The University of

Mississippi Medical Center will be spearheading this interconnected system of emergency care and making available specialists and

medical personnel through the video network to respond

interactively to live emergencies from any of the participating sites. The participating rural hospitals are Calhoun County Medical Center, Trace Regional Hospital in Houston (MS), Holmes County Hospital in Lexington (MS), Rural Health Clinic in Fulton, John C.

Stennis Memorial Hospital in DeKalb, Kilmichael Hospital,

Tishomingo Health Services in Luka, North MS Medical Center in

Pontotoc and Yalobusha General Hospital in Water Valley.

Matching Funds \$200,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$436,748

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Mississippi & Alabama

County: MS: Lauderdale, Kemper, Newton, Clarke, and Scott Counties

AL: Choctaw County

Representative, District: MS 03 Gregg Harper, AL 07 Terri A. Sewell

Senators: Thad Cochran & Roger F. Wicker

Grantee: Rush Health Systems, Inc.

Project Contact: Ms. Laura Carmichael

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to link five rural critical

access hospitals in Mississippi and Alabama with cardiac specialists

and other health professionals at Rush Foundation Hospital.
Participating rural hospitals in Mississippi are located in DeKalb,
Union, Meridian and Morton. Also participating is Choctaw General

Hospital in Butler, Alabama. Telemedicine equipment includes ultrasound imaging diagnostic tools for remote diagnosis, cardiology

monitoring systems for real-time procedural viewing, clinical workstations, cardiology interface software, DICOM Gateway equipment, and other related equipment and integration services.

Through this system cardiologists and their support staff will train 50 physicians and other medical professionals at the rural facilities, who

will serve approximately 280 cardiac patients annually with their new telemedical system for consultation and other kinds of support.

Matching Funds: \$496,492



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$499,215

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Mississippi (StrikeForce State)

County: Pearl River, Copiah and Jefferson Davis Counties

Congressman, District: Bennie G. Thompson 2nd dist., Gregg Harper 3rd dist. & Steven

Palazzo 4th dist.

Senators: Thad Chad and Roger F. Wicker

Grantee: Jefferson Davis County School District

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for Jefferson Davis County

Schools, Hazlehurst City Schools, and Pearl River Community College to purchase equipment and software that will digitally connect them in a distance learning video network. Equipment will be funded for eight end user sites. School programs will be matched

together and re-fashioned into virtual classes, pulling together instructors and curriculum from Pearl River Community College, especially in the area of vocational programs and other career

pathways.

Matching Funds: \$160,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$363,326

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Montana

County: Flathead, Glacier, Lincoln, Lake, Pondera, Sanders, Toole, Ravalli,

and Deer Lodge Counties

Congressman, District: Steve Daines, 1st. Dist.

Senators: Max Baucus & Jon Tester

Grantee: Kalispell Regional Medical Center, Inc

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire video

teleconferencing technology so that Kalispell Regional Medical Center can provide 24/7 telemedicine on-call consultation services in their nine-county area. The equipment will create an interoperable telemedicine service between the Western Montana Tele-neurology Network, Kalispell Regional Medical Center (KRMC) and Critical

Access Hospitals (CAH) in the region One of the project's components will be to provide medical consultations to patients between KRMC neurologists, neurosurgeons and providers at the CAHs. Another component would be to create a distance learning program for healthcare professionals in the region on neuroscience

medicine.

Matching Funds: \$304,104



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$451,955

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine (StrikeForce State)

State: North Carolina

County: Brunswick, Mitchell, Pitt, & Robeson Counties

Representatives, District: 1st G.K. Butterfield, 7th Mike McIntyre, 8th Richard Hudson,

11th Mark Meadows

Senators: Richard Burr & Kay R. Hagan

Awardee: East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine

Project Contact: Dr. Robert Todd Watkins

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire equipment for both

telemedicine and distance learning to outfit 3 rural distance

learning/telemedicine centers in the rural towns of Bolivia, Spruce Pine and Pembroke, North Carolina. Portable medical carts and medical input devices at these video endpoints will serve to create fully functioning dental clinic environments when linked with the hub site at East Carolina University School of Dental Medicine in Greenville. The hub site will be outfitted with a video bridge, communications server, along with the accompanying system management software. In all, the system will allow dental students and teachers to remotely conduct exams, record dental procedures,

and to orchestrate weekly grand round events and other

presentations. The project goal is to the goal of increase the number

of dentists and level of dental health in rural North Carolina.

Matching Funds: \$226,106



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$393,368

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: North Carolina

County: Forsyth, Buncombe, Wake, Mecklenburg, Haywood, and Avery

Counties

Congressman, District: NC-04, NC-09, NC-08

Senators:

Grantee: Grandfather Home for Children, Inc.

Project Contact: Stephanie Knowles

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Grandfather Home for

Children to equip 2 headquarters offices, a charter school and library and five out-lying hub sites with updated video teleconferencing equipment. Grandfather Home is a facility for abused and neglected children located in Banner Elk, North Carolina The out-lying hub sites which are connected to the Banner Elk campus by interactive video are more than four and one half hours away. The video

conferencing that takes place between these two distant sites provide critical therapeutic services for the children, and a direct line of communication between the foster parent and the children. In some cases, the video communications between the distant sites facilitate the interaction between prospective adoptive parents and children

waiting for adoptive parents and a forever home.

Matching Funds \$200,000

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Nebraska

County: Cheyenne, Sioux, Scotts Bluff, Dawes, Box Butte, Banner, Morrill,

Deuel, Garden, Sheridan, and Kimball Counties

Congressman, District: NE 03 Adrian Smith (Dawes, Box Butte, Banner, Morrill, Deuel,

Garden, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Kimball, Cheyenne & Sioux)

Senators: Deb Fischer and Mike Johanns

Grantee: Distance Learning Services for Educational Service Unit 13

Project Contact: Mr. BJ Peters

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to equip schools in ESU's

service area with distance learning equipment and patch-in their classroom video endpoints to the ESU's distance learning video network. Schools in Alliance, Bayard, Bridgeport, Chadron, Crawford, Chappell, Dalton, Gering, Gordon, Hay Springs,

Hemingford, Kimball, Lodgepole, Lewellen, Oshkosh, Minatare, and others will benefit from a host of new educational content providers not only from each other, but also as a result of a new bridged connection to Network Nebraska. This will open up a much wider array of teachers and their classes, and to follow pursuits in modern agriculture and agri-business, including high quality instruction and

training from the Future Farmers of America (FFA).

Matching Funds: \$264,016



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$399,988

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Nebraska

County: Keith, Lincoln, Hitchcock, Red Willow, Furnas, Custer, Arthur,

Chase, Dundy, Frontier, Hayes, Grant, McPherson, Hooker, Perkins,

Logan, and Thomas

Congressman, District: Adrian Smith 3rd dist.

Senators: Deb Fischer; Mike Johanns

Grantee: Educational Service Unit 16

Project Contact: Margene Mae Beatty, Administrator

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to upgrade distance learning

equipment and acquire new educational software for Educational Service Unit 16, a jurisdiction with a service territory that spans over 17,000 square miles. The population density in this remote area of Nebraska is under 4 people per square mile (compared to the average of 24 in Nebraska) and continues to decrease yearly. The only way that educational service districts (ESU) are able to keep up with state requirements is by sharing classes and expanding available classes and teachers with distance learning systems. This project will replace outdated equipment and introduce new learning concepts, such as *flipped learning*. To accompany the technology upgrade there will be increased use of project-based learning activities. Teachers will receive professional development to assist students with academic challenges. The system will carry a training course for volunteer

firefighters and first responder skills.

Matching Funds: \$300,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$287,442

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Nebraska

County: Madison, Antelope, Brown, Holt, Pierce, Stanton, Boyd, Wheeler,

Cherry, Keya Paha, and Rock Counties

Congressman, District: Jeff Fortenberry, 1st dist., Lee Terry 2nd dist. & Adrian Smith 3rd dist.

Senators: Deb Fischer; Mike Johanns

Grantee: Educational Service Unit 8

Project Contact: Molly Aschoff

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to update the distance

learning equipment at 30 schools in Northeast Nebraska and update the servers and video applications that manage those video endpoints at the educational service district headquarters (ESU 8 and 17), so that the schools are interconnected with each other, with their ESU host and with their academic partner, Northeast Community College. In an area covering 12,571 square miles of sparsely populated rural, agricultural land, education and training are key factors to economic survival. Having the option of advance placement classes, dual credit courses, and job skill training that the community college brings to the mix, a distance learning system with optimum capacity can make the difference between a static learning environment and one that is dynamic. For the 6,250 middle and high school students in ESU 8 and 17, this project offers the technology that can support such a

dynamic learning environment.

Matching Funds: \$289,042

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$118,700

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Nebraska

County: Lincoln, Red Willow, Chase, Cherry & Custer Counties

Representative, District: Adrian Smith 3rd dist.

Senators: Deb Fischer and Mike Johanns

Awardee: Mid-Plains Community College

Project Contact: Mr. Ted Pfeifer, Area Director of Institutional Research, Planning &

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Telephone: 308-535-3684

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance an upgrade and expansion

of Mid-Plains Community College's distance learning system. With this new equipment, the reach of the College's course offerings and degree programs will be extended to its rural campuses at McCook, Imperial, Valentine, and Broken Bow. Equipment at the various locations includes wall-mounted and mobile cart video conferencing systems. A content recording management system and other hub equipment will be placed at the North Platt campus in Lincoln. This upgrade and expansion will enlarge Mid-Plains' capacity to deliver higher enhanced distance learning not only to its extended campuses but will also draw-in high school students in the rural areas to move along higher educational paths and opportunities with dual high school/college credits. The new equipment will further Mid-Plains' initiatives for teacher professional development, life-long learning for all residents, and collaboration with existing and

prospective local businesses.

Matching Funds: \$119,989



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$236,846

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Wyoming (Applicant is based in Nebraska)

County: Freemont, WY

Congressman, District: WY 1st. Cynthia M. Lummis

Senators: John Barrasso & Mike Enzi

Awardee: Virtual Periop Care, LLC

Project Contact: Dr. John Torres, CEO

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Telephone: 719-310-3160

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire equipment and

software for a telemedicine system to provide urgent care for the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. Virtual Periop Care (VPC) will place the local video endpoints at the Morning Star Care Center and the Indian Health Center in Fort Washakie. Medical staff at those areas will be linked with VPC's Telemedicine Clinic in Floresville, Texas, and the VPC Solutions Clinic in Monument, Colorado. Through this telemedicine architecture VPC will provide urgent care coverage on weekends and afterhours, where the only other options for patients are too distant to be economical, feasible or even medically effective. The system will allow medical staff at the local Wyoming sites to access emergency care physicians and other specialists at the VPC clinics and offices in Colorado and Nebraska, hub sites that will work in close collaboration with Eastern Shoshone Tribal Health and Wind River Reservation Indian Health Service.

Matching Funds: \$53,202



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$116,801

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New Hampshire

County: Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, Coos, and Hillsborough Counties

Representative, District: NH 01 Carol Shea-Porter, NH 02 Ann Kuster

Senators: Kelly Ayotte & Jeanne Shaheen

Awardee: University of New Hampshire

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide video conferencing

equipment for a multi-organizational multi-county tele-health and distance learning project which includes such diverse but essential services such as mental health care, EMS and firefighter training, and public safety and health programs. The University of New Hampshire at Strafford is the main hub site for this project and is receiving a video bridge unit to help orchestrate the project. The Richard M. Flynn Fire Academy in Concord will receive mobile carts with videoconferencing units for the project and use them to conduct interactive training connected to video endpoints/end user sites in Gorham, Milford, and Bethlehem. Other user sites (for telehealth) range from University Cooperative Extension offices in Conway, Laconia, and Lincoln to Mid-State Health Clinics in Plymouth and Bristol to the Lincoln Public Library and local K-12 schools, sites that will receive an assortment of laptops and desktop

equipment for distance learning and telemedicine.

Matching Funds: \$88,196

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New Hampshire

County: Grafton, Hillsborough, Coos, and Merrimack Counties

Congressman, District: NH 01 Carol Shea-Porter

NH 02 Ann Kuster

Senators: Kelly Ayotte, Jeanne Shaheen

Grantee: Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital (1)

Project Contact: Sarah N. Pletcher, Medical Director

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Mary Hitchcock Memorial

Hospital to purchase telemedical carts with medical exam devices for the 18 rural hospitals being connected, and the necessary software, licenses and application servers for the hub at New Lebanon. The participating sites have medical roles either as rural acute care hospitals, ambulatory care sites, rehabilitation sites or behavioral health centers. Sites are located in Woodsville, Littleton, Greenfield, Colebrook, New London, Whitefield, Lancaster and Groveton.

Physicians and skilled nursing staff at the hub hospital and among the 18 sites will provide a wide range of face-to-face medical care for their rural patients within the telemedicine video network,

regardless of location and distance.

Matching Funds: \$556,400



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$498,356

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New Hampshire, Vermont

County: NH: Grafton, Cheshire, and Sullivan Counties

VT: Windham, Bennington, Caledonia, Windsor, Orleans, Orange,

and Rutland Counties

Congressman, District: NH 01 Carol Shea-Porter; NH 02 Ann Kuster; and VT 01 Peter

Welch

Senators: Kelly Ayotte and Jeanne Shaheen

Awardee: Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital (2)

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment and

software needed to further expand the telemedicine network

initiative at the Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital to new sites in

both New Hampshire and Vermont. Sites include acute care hospitals, ambulatory care sites, skilled nursing facilities,

rehabilitation centers and behavioral health centers throughout four counties. After this expansion is deployed, the telemedical system is

projected to provide medical expertise in over 5,000 medical

consults to rural residents. In all, 18 sites will serve

5,460 rural residents throughout these rural New England

communities.

Matching Funds: \$530,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$361,546

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New Mexico (StrikeForce State)

County: Bernalillo

Congressman, District: NM-1 Michelle Lujan Grisham, NM-2 Steven Pearce

Senators: Martin Heinrich and Tom Udal

Awardee: Oso Vista Ranch

Project Contact: James Lightfoot

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Oso Vista Ranch

Project to establish a distance learning classroom at their

headquarters in the Navajo Nation Shopping Center in Pine Hill. New Mexico State University (NMSU), will serve as the project partner and main hub site. The distance learning classroom will offer a wide variety of courses and programs, including concurrent enrollment classes for high school seniors, remedial Math and English classed for college bound students, and general education classes for freshman and sophomore college students. Project planners worked closely with community small businesses and other

community leaders to design the curricula in response to the need for business and e-commerce education and knowledge. This is

especially the case for Ramah Navajo Reservation in Cibola County, Western New Mexico, where access to the NMSU business courses, vocational and entrepreneur training efforts need to be directed in order to meet the challenges of the severe unemployment in those

remote areas.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$50,268

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Nevada

County: Lyon

Congressman,

NV-02 Mark Amodei

District:

Senators: Harry Reid & Dean Heller

Awardee: **Yerington Paiute Tribe**

Project Ms. Susan Rogers

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Project Rural Development funds will be used to purchase equipment, software Description: and licensing needed to establish a telemedicine video endpoint at the

Yerington Paiute Tribal Clinic, and connect the clinic to Renown Medical Center in Reno, Nevada through Renown's R-TeleMed Network. Equipment includes a PC computer with dual monitors, electronic stethoscope, standard exam camera, ENT camera,

opthalmoscope, ECK/EKG lead, spirometer, and various ultrasound input devices. Once established the project will enable medical staff at the Tribal Clinic to access medical specialists from the various hospital departments to better assist the local medical staff in patient care and consultation. The system will also facilitate mentorship and medical education for local Tribal healthcare givers by physicians and staff at

Renown.

Matching Funds

\$8,871

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$218,787

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: Allegany and Cattaraugus Counties

Congressman, District: Tom Reed 23rd dist.

Senators: Kirsten E. Gillibrand & Charles E. Schumer

Grantee: Cattaraugus Allegany Erie Wyoming BOCES

Project Contact: Mr. Brian Crawford, Project Manager for Learning Resources

Telephone: 716-376-8285

Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide teleconferencing

equipment for the Cattaraugus Allegany Board of Cooperative Educational Services(Cattaraugus) in a comprehensive project to deliver distance learning capabilities between the Cattaraugus main facility and 19 K-12 rural schools in their service territory. The enhanced server capability and scheduling features of the new equipment will allow the rural school to share each other's teachers in classes, offer new classes, and capture live classes for playback. Classes and courses that were only available at one school can be extended in real time at all locations. Each of the 19 schools will be

outfitted with their own large dual-monitor desktop units.

Matching Funds: \$175,031



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: St. Lawrence

Congressman, District: Bill Owens 21st dist.

Kirsten E. Gillibrand & Charles E. Schumer Senators:

St. Lawrence-Lewis Board of Cooperative Educational Services Grantee:

Project Contact: Dr. Jennifer French

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Rural Development funds will be used to replace antiquated Project Description:

equipment with a more robust and interoperable video

teleconferencing system, including equipment for 4 new school sites. The 18 end user sites will be equipped with wall-mounted distance

learning classrooms. Each participating school will be both

contributor and beneficiary of the courses being offered. In general,

the new distance learning system will consolidate low-demand

courses, offer advanced placement courses and enrichment programs, support individualized learning and special needs, teacher training and continuing education, and adult learning. St Lawrence-Lewis' distance learning program serves 10 school districts in New York's North Country, an area challenged by its rugged landscape and

sparse population.

Other Funding: \$583,882



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$487,267

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: Jefferson, Oneida, Lewis, and Herkimer Counties

Congressman, District: Bill Owens 21st dist., Richard L. Hanna 22nd dist. & Daniel Maffei

24th dist.

Senators: Kirsten E. Gillibrand & Charles E. Schumer

Grantee: Jefferson Lewis Hamilton Herkimer Oneida Board of

Cooperative Educational. Services

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase video

teleconferencing units for 37 schools in the Jefferson Lewis

Hamilton Herkimer Oneida BOCES jurisdiction, 15 of which have never been connected to a distance learning system before. Because of the increased complexity in scheduling and managing video connections over this wide ranging video network, the BOCES hub site at Watertown will upgrade to a high capacity bridge with

scheduling capabilities, and also improve the system's functionality

by acquiring a media recording and streaming server.

The availability of new and advanced classes and teaching staff will increase as the upgraded bridge will allow the system to bring several colleges into the platform, including LeMoyne College in Syracuse, Clarkson University in Potsdam, Jefferson Community College in Watertown, and the Syracuse University School of

Medicine for a mental health component.

Matching Funds: \$487,268



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$379,598

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: Delaware, Otsego, Chenango, and Greene Counties

Congressman, District: NY 19 Chris, Gibson

NY 22 Richard Hana

Senators: Kirsten E. Gillibrand

Charles E. Schumer

Awardee: Otsego Northern Catskills Board of Cooperative Educational

Services

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Otsego Northern

Catskills Board to upgrade and expand their distance learning system in 11 sites in Central New York State. With participating schools

having distance learning equipment at different states of

obsolescence while some operating at full capacity, the optimal solution is to approach the needs of each site to the degree that lends to an overall state of system interoperability. This grant project

accomplishes that task, and once put together will expand educational opportunities for the entire region - in this sparsely populated and picturesque region of the New York Catskills.

Progress can continue and a new generation of students can follow a trajectory of achievement taking advantage of distance learning courses with dual credit, advanced placement, foreign languages, job

and career training, with other options for adults and lifetime

learners.

Matching Funds: \$379,643



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$178,519

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: Yates, Seneca, Cayuga, Livingston, Ontario, & Steuben Counties

Representative, District: Tom Reed 23rd dist., Daniel Maffei 34th dist., Chris Collins 27th dist.

Senators: Kirsten Gillibrand and Charles Schumer

Awardee: Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project, Inc.

Project Contact: Ms. Mary Zelazny

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Rural Development funds will be used to finance the equipment needed for Finger Lakes Migrant Health Care Project to expand their patient-centered telemedicine services to six new rural end user sites, Ovid, King Ferry, Rushville, Livingston, Ontario, and Steuben. New equipment such as a content server and video management server at the hub site (Penn Yan) will allow them to build the capacity needed to manage the flow of medical information and images derived from exams, screenings, treatments and patient history. This information moves between spoke and hub sites and between hub sites and specialists. The rural sites will receive medical carts equipped with video conferencing units and digital accessories, such as multiscopes, and other specialized exam devices to capture the exam information and images that will connect with primary providers at the hub and specialists even further away. Intra-oral cameras as part of the new medical carts will allow the Project to develop its teledentistry program, featuring a video link-up with oral specialists at Oral Health in Rochester.

Matching Funds \$94,080



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$302,678

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: New York

County: Oswego

Congressman, District: NY 22nd Richard Hanna, NY24th Daniel Maffei

Senators: Kirsten E. Gillibrand & Charles E. Schumer

Grantee: Oswego County BOCES

Project Contact: Laurie Ouderkirk, Distance Learning Coordinator

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase distance learning

equipment for five rural school districts in Oswego County, New York: Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District, Central Square Central School District; Hannibal Central School District, Phoenix Central School District & Sandy Creek Central School District. Approximately 10,000 students and 816 teachers will be impacted by the distance learning opportunities offered each year. With the technology comes new content and courses. Advance placement, dual credit and foreign language courses will accompany the new equipment because of the shared resource of teachers

throughout the five districts. Special classes for adult learning, workforce development, and professional development for teachers

will make use of the system during after-school hours.

Matching Funds: \$152,322



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$463,253

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: NY

County: Chautauqua

Congressman, District: NY 23rd Tom Reed

Senators: Kirsten E. Gillibrand & Charles E. Schumer

Awardee: Seneca Nation of Indians

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for video conference

equipment to be used for telemedicine. This project addresses the need for patients and their immediate care givers to access mental health counseling and specialty care at a distance due to shortage of local qualified providers. Five end-user sites at the Seneca Nation will have access to two psychiatric offices located hours away. The main clinic site, the Cattaraugus Indian Health Clinic, will also

facilitate the connection to distant specialists, such as an

endocrinologist, who can provide needed consultations to patients at the other four end-user sites that otherwise could not receive those

services. The equipment will also be used to train, update

knowledge, and maintain the needed level of expertise at the local

care giver sites.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$183,995

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Ohio

County: Pike, Scioto, Ross, Highland, Lawrence, Gallia, Adams, Brown,

Jackson, and Vinton Counties

Congressman, District: Brad Wenstrump, 2-D.; Bill Johnson 6-D, Steve Stivers 15-D.

Senators: Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman

Grantee: South Central Ohio Computer Association

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to connect 20 high schools

throughout Southern Ohio with 3 partnering hub sites by acquiring classroom video teleconferencing displays for the schools and

teaching training software packages for the hubs. South Central Ohio Computer Association, the lead organization provides classroom technology integration and teacher training and will oversee the adoption of the technology into the school systems. Their project partners, Shawnee State University and Ross Pike Education Service

District will provide supportive roles in mentoring students, training

teachers in educational technology, and hosting and recruiting

industry partners into the overall goal. That goal is to match students with successful careers in high technology by creating a synergistic relationship between budding students, leaders of industry facilitated by mentoring teachers using the most advanced communications

technology available.

Matching Funds: \$92,005



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$336,543

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Oklahoma

County: Pushmataha, Okfuskee, Atoka, Le Flore, and McIntosh Counties

Congressman, District: Markwayne Mulin 2nd dist.

Senators: Tom Coburn and James M. Inhofe

Grantee McAlester Public Schools

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to fund distance learning

equipment and software that McAlester School District will deploy

throughout seven school districts in Eastern Oklahoma. The

technology will link these disparate school districts into one virtual campus. Collaboration will replace isolation, and teachers and students can create new educational venues to enhance the learning experience. For example, students in the target schools and their families will be able to share their native cultures and learn about others in a special feature of the new system which links their home system to several distant Native Homeland projects: the Lana'I Cultural & Heritage Center in Lana'I City, Hawaii, the Chevak School District in Chevak, Alaska and the nearby Cherokee Heritage

Center.

Matching Funds: \$168,856

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Oklahoma

County: Adair, Atoka, Bryan, Caddo, Choctaw, Custer, Haskell, Le Flore,

McCurtain, Tillman and Oklahoma Counties

Congressman, District: Markwayne Mullin 2nd dist., Frank Lucas 3rd dist. & Tom Cole 4th

dist.

Senators: Tom Coburn & James M. Inhofe

Grantee: Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma Health Science

Center

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance state-of-the-art

digital equipment and software to support a comprehensive telemedical initiative hosted by the University of Oklahoma Health Science Center (OUHSC). The OUHSC initiative will extend clinical geriatric services using video teleconferencing to Choctaw Nation Clinical sites including Stilwell Community Hospital, and Choctaw clinics in Hugo, Broken Bow, Stigler, Idabel, Talihina and Atoka, and Variety Care facilities in Fort Cobb, Grandfield and Tipton. OUHSC hub sites will also provide educational training in healthcare

professions to the same locations as part of the comprehensive plan.

The communities that will be benefitting from the program are home

to more than 30,946 people.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$393,333

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Oklahoma
County: LeFlore

Congressman, District: AR 4th dist. Tom Cotton & OK 2nd dist. Brad Wenstrup

Senators: Tom Coburn & James M. Inhofe

Grantee: Arkoma School District

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire distance learning

equipment and software for Arkoma School District and the

neighboring school districts of Beggs, Hanna, Atoka and Rattan. The

University of Arkansas at Fort Smith will serve as the technology hub, and will be outfitted with equipment needed for video communications management, content management, and other centralized functions. The University will also be the source for many of the advanced courses and college level instructor-lead classes. The public school video endpoints will use a combination of

standalone video displays, smart-boards with projectors, and laptops. A special feature of the new distance learning system will link to several distant Native Homeland projects: the Lana'I Cultural & Heritage Center in Lana'I City, Hawaii, the Chevak School District in Chevak, Alaska and the nearby Cherokee Heritage Center, which will allow students and their families to share their native cultures

and learn about others.

Other Funding: \$197,097



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$455,475

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State(s) Oklahoma

County(ies): Latimer, Pittsburg, McCurtain, Pushmataha and Le Flore Counties

Congressman, District: OK-02 Mullin

Senators: Tom Coburn & James Inhofe

Awardee: Eastern Oklahoma State College

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used for video conference

equipment to be used to provide better educational and economic opportunities through distance learning. Eastern Oklahoma State College (EOSC) will offer college courses from their distance learning classrooms in Wilburton and McAlester to their remote locations at Idabel- EOSC and Antlers- EOSC outreach sites, and to the Hartshorne, Quinton, and Tahina High Schools. All end-user sites are located in the Choctaw Tribal Jurisdictional Area. This project will serve an estimated 1,767 high school students. EOSC will be also delivering nursing program based on Wilburton that is a

key program for providing healthcare workers in southeast

Oklahoma.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$ 175,494

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Pennsylvania

County: Fayette

Representative, District: Bill Shuster 9th dist.

Senators: Robert P. Casey and Patrick J. Toomey

Awardee: Brownsville Area School District

Project Contact: Dr. Phillip J. Savini Jr.

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Description Rural Development funds will be used to purchase needed distance

learning equipment for the School District. Facing critical budget cuts resulting in the closing of several key school buildings, the school district is in need of a distance learning system to offset the loss of facilities and the lack of transportation that would otherwise be needed to transport students, especially those with special needs. The distance learning equipment includes mobile videoconferencing carts, document cameras and other devices. The local elementary schools, the middle school and the high school will all receive and originate courses, depending on curriculum needs and scheduling. Twenty five percent of the students have been diagnosed with special needs. The distance learning system will open up many avenues for academic ventures designed to increase achievement levels,

including those leading to employability and economic programs,

such as an entrepreneurship training program.

Matching Funds \$80,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$161,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Pennsylvania

County: Brunswick, Mitchell, Pitt, & Robeson Counties

Representative, District: PA-04 Scott Perry, PA-10 Tom Marino, PA-11 Lou Barletta

Senators: Robert P. Casey, Jr. & Patrick J. Toomey

Awardee: Wayne Memorial Hospital

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance several initiatives

at Wayne County Hospital and their service area. Telemedicine carts

will be purchased to extend their telestroke program into their Emergency Department as a critical backup with another unit to be used throughout the hospital as needed. The project will also furnish tele-mammography equipment and tele-ultrasound mobile units that will be housed in the Hospital's mobile van which will travel to 8 clinic sites in 3 counties, transmitting images in real time to either Wayne's radiologists or radiologists in Pittsburgh. The mobile van

will serve patients at the clinics and health centers of small

Pennsylvania towns of in Lake Como, Vandling, Hamlin, Waymart,

and Forest City.

Matching Funds: \$161,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$351,905

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Pennsylvania

County: Lehigh and Schuylkill Counties

Representative, District: PA15th Charles W. Dent & PA 17th Matt Cartwright

Senators: Robert P. Casey Jr. & Patrick J. Toomey

Awardee Carbon Schuylkill Community Hospital, Inc.

Project Contact: Marc Portner M.D., Chief Medical Informatics Officer

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a comprehensive

high-availability video teleconferencing system between the

hospital's main medical center in Bethlehem and its rural hospital in Coaldale, serving patients in the greater Lehigh Valley. A server suite will be installed capable of managing all aspects of the video

endpoints throughout the system from a single application

management console. Medical departments between the urban and rural hospitals will deploy both fixed-type video units and mobile units will connect the two hospitals with an emphasis on emergency

room, and trauma bay, and intensive care operations.

Matching Funds: \$351,906



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$174,356

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Pennsylvania

County: Potter, Erie, McKean, Cameron, Warren, Forest, & Crawford

Counties

Representative, District: PA 03 Mike Kelly, PA 05 Glenn W. Thompson

Senators: Robert P. Casey, Jr. & Patrick J. Toomey

Awardee: **Potter County Education Council**

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Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide Interactive Video

Conferencing to ten sites in North Central and Northwestern

Pennsylvania through the Potter County Education Council. Gannon University in Erie will serve as an academic hub, and the project's new video bridge will be configured to handle the video network's public school video endpoints in McKean, Cameron, Erie and Forest, each getting desktop video conferencing systems to connect with Gannon classes and with each other's classes. The Distance

Learning project will be acquiring a video recording and streaming device, which will extend the availability of the classes for all participants. Through the partnerships created by this project, the Educational Council will bring affordable postsecondary education

to underserved areas in North Central and Northwestern

Pennsylvania. The project is to provide the opportunity for young students to work toward a community college or University degree, enabling them to earn a living, develop a career, and to keep passing

that momentum on to the next generation.

Matching Funds: \$88,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$196,809

Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program:

South Carolina (StrikeForce State) State:

County: Aiken, Chesterfield, Chesterfield, Dorchester, Greenville, Marlboro,

Oconee, Richland, and Union Counties

SC 2nd Joe, Wilson, SC 3^{rd} Jeff Duncan, SC 4^{th} Trey Gowdy, SC 5^{th} Mick Mulvaney & SC 6^{th} James E. Clyburn Congressman, District:

Lindsey Graham & Tim Scott Senators:

South Carolina Dept. of Juvenile Justice Grantee:

Mr. William C. Latta **Project Contact:**

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Rural Development funds will be used to supply the South Carolina Project Description:

> Department of Juvenile Justice with video teleconferencing systems capable of delivering the educational and medical communications

tools it needs to improve their mission and operation. The

equipment is a blend of desktop video systems, medical carts and mobile devices which will serve both educational and medical needs throughout the nine evaluation facilities and wilderness camps that house juveniles while they complete their sentences. Having the interactive video screen communicating through a seamless telecommunications platform to the *outside world*, vis-à-vis

institutions outside of their incarcerated environment, students have a better chance of obtaining skills, higher learning opportunities, and

generating hope in their outlook. Currently, all medical and

therapeutic situations require the juvenile to be transported. Having the option of telemedicine will make a world of difference for all

concerned.

Matching Funds: \$65,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$249,162

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: South Carolina (StrikeForce state)

County: Allendale, Barnwell, Berkeley, Charleston, and Hampton Counties

Congressman, District: Mark Sanford 1st dist., Joe Wilson 2nd dist. & James Clyburn 6th dist.

Senators: Lindsey Graham & Tim Scott

Grantee: Hampton Regional Medical Center

Borrower Contact: Dave Hamill, CEO

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Medical Center to

purchase practitioner carts equipped with video teleconferencing equipment and digital exam devices for the nine end user sites, and video bridge and related connection management equipment and software for the hub site. Roper St. Francis Hospital in Charleston will serve as a hub site for medical specialists and video system management. First time telemedicine equipment will be placed in clinics and family medical practices in Fairfax, Varnville, Barnwell,

Blackville, Allendale and Moncks Corner. The video

teleconferencing platform will allow face-to-face consultations between patients and physicians and between local healthcare

providers and medical staff at the hub site.

Matching Funds: \$111,354



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$294,586

Distance Learning and Telemedicine (StrikeForce state) Program:

State: South Dakota

SD: Brule, Davison, Grant, Gregory, Hand, Hughes, Hutchinson, County:

Hyde, Lake, Minnehaha, Moody, Potter, Stanley, & Yankton Counties. MN: Lac qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, Swift, & Watonwan

Counties. NE: Knox County. IA: Emmet County

SD 1^{st} Noem, Kristi; MN 1^{st} Timothy J. Walsh; MN 7^{th} Collin C. Peterson; NE 3^{rd} Adrian Smith; IA 4^{th} Steve King; Congressman, District:

SD Tim Johnson & John Thune; MN Al Franken & Amy Klobuchar; Senators:

NE Deb Fischer & Mike Johanns; IA Chuck Grassley & Tom Harkin

Grantee: Avera Health

Project Contact: Rachael Sherard

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase the equipment

> and software needed to expand and improve the effectiveness of Avera's video telemedicine network, connecting 32 video endpoints at rural clinics/hospitals throughout South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Minnesota. Participating rural clinics in this project will receive telephonic stethoscopes and other input devices for their videoequipped exam rooms. This technology deployed at the local level will give health providers and patients real-time face-to-face consultations with specialized physicians at the hub hospitals in Sioux Falls, Marshall and Pierre. The system will double as an instructional medium so that rural health providers can receive

medical education and mentoring.

Matching Funds: 605-322-4725

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$150,811

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Tennessee

County: Lawrence, Marshall and Wayne Counties

Representative, District: TN04 Scott DesJarlais, TN07 Marsha Blackburn

Senators: Lamar Alexander & Bob Corker

Awardee: Columbia State Community College

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to finance distance learning

equipment for Columbia State Community College which will expand the number of college level courses to its rural campuses in Lawrenceburg, Lewisburg and Clifton. Equipment includes self-contained, self-managing video conferencing units for the three campus sites, and gateway technology installed to connect the new system with the college's legacy equipment. This project is expected to increase delivery of college classes to more than 2,000 additional participants per semester. The service territory of the three rural campuses actually covers a nine-county area, so this investment in educational technology is expected to increase academic and economic opportunities for students (of all ages) in South Central

Tennessee.

Matching Funds: \$151,500



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$288,192

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Texas

County: Eastland, Taylor, Brown, Erath, Scurry, Shackelford, Jones,

Stonewall, Callahan, Nolan, Stephens, Mitchell, Comanche, Haskell,

and Fisher Counties

Mike Conaway 11th dist., Mac Thornberry 13th dist., Randy Neugebauer 19th dist. & Roger Williams 25th dist. Congressman, District:

John Cornyn and Ted Cruz Senators:

Region XIV Education Service Center Grantee:

Borrower Contact: Mr. Tommy Walter Bearden

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Education Service

> Center to provide video teleconferencing technology throughout the wide ranging 15-county area in partnership with Cisco College, Ranger College & Western Texas College. The main thrust of its educational content will be career-oriented classes, and teachers will make use of the technology to provide an integrated approach to mentor students in career-oriented studies from elementary through middle and high school into college level work. The partnership is using distance learning opportunities to guide students into local careers, including new careers in shale oil production, so that high

demand technical jobs can be filled by local students.

Matching Funds: \$289,347



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$277,035

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Texas

County: Clay, Jack, Knox. Montague & Wichita Counties

Representative, District: TX 13 Mac Thornberry

Senators: John Cornyn & Ted Cruz

Awardee: Education Service Center Region IX

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to expand and enhance

Region IX's existing distance learning network by acquiring for additional public schools videoconferencing equipment, and for the hub in Wichita Falls a video bridge server and management software to handle the increased demand. Schools in Henrietta, Jacksboro, Knox City, Munday, Nocona, Saint Jo, Perrin, and Petrolia will receive the distance learning equipment which will allow schools to share the high-demand courses and instructors, and will encourage high school students, through dual enrollment courses, to pursue further academic options toward college. The overall distance learning system will also be geared for professional development among the teachers, and for student enrichment programs previous

not available at all locations.

Matching Funds: \$140,000

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$ 200,151

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Texas

County: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Harris, Houston, Jefferson, Leon,

Liberty, Newton, Orange & Walker Counties

Representative, District: TX 8th Kevin Brady, TX 10th Michael T. McCaul, TX 14th Randy

Weber, TX 17th Bill Flores, TX 18th Sheila Jackson Lee, TX 22nd

Pete Olson & TX 36th Steve Stockman

Senators: John Cornyn & Ted Cruz

Awardee: Region IV Education Service Center

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Project Description Rural Development funds will be used by Regions IV, V, & VI to

acquire distance learning equipment that will allow them to combine their distance learning networks and expand into 30 schools in rural Southeast Texas. Each of the three Region headquarters will serve as educational and equipment hub sites. One hub will receive a new bridge system to handle the expanded video network. Another hub will receive a content server to capture and reuse recorded classes and presentations. The 30 schools that will new to the distance learning network will be receiving distance learning for the first time. Those schools are located in Fort Bend, Liberty, Chambers, Brazoria, Harris, Houston, Leon, Robertson, Orange and Newton Counties. A variety of video equipment will be placed in the classrooms, including mobile carts with video monitor and codec

system, iPads, cameras and smart HDTVs.

Matching Funds: \$217,803



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$ 299,370

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State(s): TX

County(ies): Gonzales and Harris Counties

Congressman, District: TX-07 - Culbertson, TX-27 - Farenhold, TX-36 - Stockman

Senators: Senators John Cornyn & Ted Cruz

Grantee: Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to update Gonzales Hospital's

teleradiological equipment and related data and imaging information management systems. Critical teleradiological services provided by Gonzales Hospital (serving18,000 patients per year that require radiological diagnostics) have recently come to a halt because of the obsolete functionality of the existing equipment and inoperable data formats for radiological imaging in its various modalities. With the new system in place radiologists (located many hours away) will be able to resume services in reading the hospital's transmitted images. Clinical specialties such as cardiology, endoscopy, mammography, orthopedic, neurology, vascular, gastroenterology and bronchoscopy rely on the hospital's radiological capacity to transmit visual data and accompanying information. The benefits of the upgrade will have a major impact on the hospital's overall level of care and

effectiveness in serving its patients.

Matching Funds: \$52,830



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$253,330

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Virginia (StrikeForce State)

County: Albemarle, Buckingham, Greene, Louisa, Orange Nelson & Prince

Edward Counties

Representative, District: Robert Hunt 5th dist. & Eric Cantor 7th dist.

Senators: Tim Kaine & Mark Warner

Awardee: Rector & Visitors of the University of Virginia

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase the necessary

telemedicine systems that will enable the University of Virginia Center for Telehealth to expand specialty care for elderly people in rural nursing homes in Virginia, as well as for rural patients that end-stage renal disease and other complex medical problems. The UVA Center will serve as the hub, with the ability to tap into specialty physicians at 35 clinical departments at UVA medical facilities in Charlottesville and other locations throughout Central Virginia. The video endpoints will reach into nursing homes or geriatric health clinics in Stanardsville, Gordonsville, Dilwyn, Louisa, Lovingston, Farmville and Orange. These smaller institutions in rural locations will be equipped with mobile medical carts and attached digital exam

accessories. The result will be cost savings made in reducing

unnecessary travel and hospitalization, and better medical care and

quality of life for Virginia's rural elderly.

Matching Funds: \$153,668



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State(s): VA

County(ies): Carroll, Franklin, , Pittsylvania & Mecklenburg Counties

Independent Cities of Galax and Martinsville

Congressman, District: VA-5 Hurt, VA-9 Griffith,

Senators: Mark Warner & Tim Kaine

Awardee: **New College Foundation**

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Project Description: Rural Development will be used by the New College Foundation to

acquire distance learning equipment in its initiative to expand engineering and entrepreneurship programs in the Southwestern Virginia region. The new video communications equipment will play a major role in the Academy for Engineering and Technology, a partnership recently formed by New College and Virginia State University. This grant project enables classrooms throughout the region to attend classes-at-a-distance and collaboration opportunities among the end point organizations at the Center for Energy Efficient Design in Rocky Mount, the Tri-area Community Health Center at Laurel Fork, the Clarksville Enrichment Complex in Clarksville, and

Crossroads Rural Entrepreneurial Institute in Galax.

Matching Funds: \$517,815



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$500,000

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Washington

County: Okanogan

Congressman, District: Cathy McMorris Rodgers 5th dist. & Jim DcDermott 7th dist.

Senators: Marie Cantwell and Patty Murray

Awardee: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indian Reservation

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to acquire equipment and

software for an inter-tribal distance learning videoconferencing network. The educational breadth of the project starts at the tribal Head Start programs at Incheilium, Nespelem and Keller, reaching to elementary schools at Nespelem, Omak and Keller, stretching further to the high school at Keller and the Tribal Library at Incheilium, and finally to the top of the learning peak at Salish Kootenai College in Montana. Hub sites, such as Nespelem Technology Center, will bring a strong science, engineering and mathematics curriculum to the learning network, and Salish Kootenai will bring cultural enrichment to the mix with their specialty in Salish language and culture. In all, the resources made available by these learning institutions and facilitated with RUS-granted distance learning equipment will bring about meaningful improvements in academic achievement, college and career-readiness among more than 1,472

high-need Native American students per year.

Matching Funds: \$100,000





PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$168,473

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Washington

County: Spokane, Benton, Chelan, and Ferry Counties

Congressman, District: Doc Hasting 4th Dist. & Cathy McMorris Rogers 5th Dist.

Senators: Maria Cantwell & Patty Murray

Grantee: Kiona Benton School District

Project Contact: Mr. Joe Lloyd

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Kiona Benton School

District, Manson Schools, Inchellum Schools, and the Salish School (Spokane) to purchase distance learning video teleconferencing units for a video teleconferencing platform. A variety of display types and system types will be used, from large desktop units and mobile carts

to laptops. The curriculum will be varied because the project involves elementary, middle and high school-level students. The Salish School of Spokane will provide Salish language lessons for students in the participating districts. The project will also make use of a technology education module for teachers to prepare them to

teach AP Computer Science classes.

Matching Funds: \$88,002

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$331,935

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Washington

County: Chelan, Okanogan, and Grant Counties

Congressman, District: Doc Hastings 4th dist. & David G. Reichert 8th dist.

Senators: Maria Cantwell & Patty Murray

Grantee: Confluence Health

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by the Access Confluence

Health Education Network (Confluence Health) to provide for the equipment and training to link providers and staff at eight sites located across four counties (12,000 square miles) in north central Washington State. Wenatchee Valley Medical Center and Central Washington Hospital will lend their medical expertise to connect 6 rural health clinics with video teleconferencing so that physicians can provide exams and consultations at a distance, resulting in more timely patient care. Rural health professionals will receive training, both technical and medical to help ensure the readiness of its rural

health care workforce.

Matching Funds: \$166,000

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PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$329,269

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Washington/Oregon

County: WA: Benton, Columbia, Walla Walla, Adams, Klickitat, Franklin,

and Grant Counties. OR: Morrow, Umatilla, and Wallowa Counties

Congressman, District:

Senators: Maria Cantwell & Patty Murray

Borrower: Kadlec Regional Medical Center

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to purchase telemedical

equipment for a consortium of 12 health care organizations,

sponsored by Kadlec Regional Medical Center (KRMC), that have banded together to serve 19 video endpoint sites at rural clinics in the geographic area along the Columbia River in Eastern Oregon and Washington State. Medical carts equipped with camera, video monitor, and medical exam devices will be purchased for the video endpoint sites and specialized servers that bridge, schedule and otherwise manage the total operation from a central location will be purchased for the hub (KRMC in Richland). Clinic sites include Dayton, Waitsburg, Othello, Prosser, Benton City, Goldendale, Connell and Wahluke in Washington, and Boardman, Hermiston, Enterprise, Heppner and Irrigon in Oregon. KNRC and participating hospitals will offer a comprehensive array of telemedical services and consultation drawing from their specialists and intensivists.

Matching Fund: \$250,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$280,468

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Washington

County: Adams, Garfield and Whitman Counties

Representative, District: WA-4 Doc Hasting & WA-5 Cathy McMorris Rogers

Senators: Maria Cantwell & Patty Murray

Awardee: Pullman Regional Hospital Foundation

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Pullman Regional Hospital

to purchase laptop computers, headsets and instructional software for their language therapy services. This equipment and software will enable the hospital to expand their speech therapy service via telemedicine to schools in the small rural towns of Garfield, Endicott, Palouse, Pomeroy, Rosalia, Tekoa, and Washtucna in Eastern Washington. The project is expected to provide therapeutic services for at least 120 rural students per year during the grant period, and ultimately serve an estimated 850 students with speech and language therapy needs each year. Although it is important for one to speak or communicate with confidence in all aspects of social

life, the context of these services play an important role

economically because it can be difficult for a person to reach their

employment potential without proper speaking skills.

Other Funding: \$88,170



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$297,340

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Wisconsin

County: Chippewa, Buffalo, Clark, Trempealeau and Marathon Counties

Congressman, District: Ron Kind 3rd dist., & Sean P. Duffy 7th dist.

Senators: Tammy Baldwin & Ron Johnson

Borrower: Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10 (grant 2)

Borrower Contact: Mr. Ross N. Wilson, Director, Educational Technology Service

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to update and expand CESA's

distance learning network in the second of two grant applications. Seventeen project sites spanning six counties in sparsely populated, rural west central Wisconsin will receive new end user video

teleconferencing units to either replace outdated units or receive first time video systems. CESA is accompanying the new technology with an organizational initiative that includes more partnerships among teachers, programs to spawn student motivation, support nontraditional styles of learning, improve critical thinking skills, and in

general, to raise student achievement. The technology-driven initiative will also focus on college readiness, supporting workplace

skills, and a special training program for volunteer firefighters and

emergency medical personnel.

Matching Funds: \$297,935



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$329,167

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Wisconsin

County: Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Jackson, Marathon, Pepin, Rusk, and

Trempealeau Counties

Congressman, District: Ron Kind 3rd dist., & Sean P. Duffy 7th dist.

Senators: Tammy Baldwin & Ron Johnson

Grantee: Cooperative Educational Service Agency 10 (1)

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distance learning network in the first of two grant applications submitted in 2013. Sixteen project sites spanning six counties in sparsely populated, rural west central Wisconsin will receive new end user video teleconferencing units to either replace outdated units or receive first time video systems. The first of these two CESA grants funds equipment for schools in many of the same counties as the second grant with similar programs and goals. However this first grant funds interactive video equipment for schools in Rusk, Pepin and Dunn County in addition to the counties in the second grant. Content for instruction will be drawn toward building programs to support non-traditional styles of learning, improve critical thinking skills and, in general, to raise student achievement and teacher

effectiveness.

Matching Funds: \$329,826



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$179,271

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: Wisconsin

County: Barron, Burnett, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, & Washburn

Counties

Representative, District: Ron Kind 3rd dist, Sean P. Duffy 7th dist.

Senators: Tammy Baldwin & Ron Johnson

Awardee: Cooperative Educational Service Agency #11

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide distance learning

equipment for Cooperative Educational Service Agency #11 to expand its educational and institutional partnerships so that its participating high schools at Barron, Grantsburg, Minong, Prairie Farm, Prescott, and Shell Lake can get the widest array of dual credit and specialized courses. Dual credit courses allow high school students to earn high school and college credit simultaneously for the same course through several methods. This project, through its partnering institutions provides for the project's high schools any

number of technical degree or college degrees through the interconnectedness the equipment will have to classes at Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (Richmond), Lac Courte Oreilles Community College (near Hayward), UW Barron County, UW River

Falls, and UW Superior.

Matching Funds \$179,271



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$254,903

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

West Virginia State:

Kanawha, Jackson, Raleigh, Fayette, Roane, & Putnam Counties County:

WV 2nd Shelley Moore Capitol & WV 3rd Nick Rahall Representative, District:

Joe Manchin, III & John D. Rockerfeller IV Senators:

Awardee: CAMC Health Education & Research Institute, Inc.

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Description: Rural Development funds will be used to provide equipment for a joint

> telemedicine healthcare project between Genesis Healthcare and the Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) to monitor the condition of elderly residents/patients in 6 West Virginia counties. Clinical assistanttype medical carts and electronic exam devices will be placed at nursing homes in Ravenswood, Daniels, Ansted, Oak Hill, Spencer, Dunbar, Sissonville, Marmet, and Hurricane, West Virginia. Medical staff at the nursing homes will be trained how to use the telemedical equipment, and connect to the physician specialists at CAMC in Charleston. The end result is that nursing home staff in the distant hills and valleys will be able to monitor or examine patients when medical situation arise and consult with specialists in Charleston to ascertain whether or not medical symptoms require an expensive transport from the nursing home to the hospital. This will bring about a reduction in unnecessary readmissions and non-

Matching Funds: \$224,000

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emergency visits to the hospital.



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$74,189

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: West Virginia

County: Randolph

Congressman, District: David McKinley, 1st district and Shelley Moore Capito, 2nd

Senators: Joe Manchin and John D. Rockefeller

Grantee: Davis Memorial Hospital

Project Contact: Mrs. Pam Smithson

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used to establish a video-based

telemedicine consultation platform between physicians at Davis Memorial and three rural nursing homes in neighboring counties of this Central West Virginia mountainous region. Equipment includes video displays, codecs, and electronic stethoscopes at the nursing home facilities of Cortland Acres in Thomas (Tucker County), Pendleton Manor in Franklin (Pendleton County) and Mansfield Place in Philippi (Barbour County). Physicians will be equipped with iPads and video-enabling software for mobility within the hospital to

increase their availability to observe and provide diagnosis for

residents/patients.

Other Funding: \$50,000



PROJECT INFORMATION

Rural Development has approved a grant of \$215,620

Program: Distance Learning and Telemedicine

State: West Virginia

County: Hardy, Hampshire, Grant, Tucker, and Pendleton Counties

Congressman, District: David McKinley 1st dist., Shelley Moore Capito 2nd dist. & Nick

Rahall 3rd dist.

Senators: Joe Manchin III & John D. Rockefeller

Grantee: Eastern West Virginia Community & Technical College

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Project Description: Rural Development funds will be used by Eastern West Virginia

Community & Technical College to expand the delivery of their distance learning system and offer college level courses and workforce development programs to high schools in the region. From the College's hub site in Moorefield the project will acquire video teleconferencing systems to outfit video endpoints at high schools in Hampshire, Grant, Tucker and Pendleton Counties. The

distance learning system will also host forums to promote

community leadership and business development courses that will prepare students to actively build stronger and more economically

vibrant communities.

Other Funding: \$109,000



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State: West Virginia

County: Hardy, Hampshire, Grant, Tucker, and Pendleton Counties

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Grantee: West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

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