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FCC RELEASES NEW, INTERACTIVE MAP ILLUSTRATING STATES SET TO RECEIVE ‘CONNECT AMERICA FUND’ SUPPORT TO BRING 400,000 AMERICANS HIGH-SPEED BROADBAND

Washington, D.C. – The FCC announced that nearly 400,000 residents and small business owners in 37 states will gain access to high-speed Internet within three years, as a result of the first phase of the ‘Connect America Fund.’ The FCC today released a new, data-driven, interactive map (<http://www.fcc.gov/maps/connect-america-fund-caf-phase-i>) developed to help illustrate areas in the U.S. that will receive broadband infrastructure build-out within three years through the Connect America Fund phase-one roll out.

FCC Chairman Julius Genachowski said, “As our new map demonstrates, millions of Americans still live, work, and travel in rural areas where access to high-speed Internet does not exist. Through the FCC’s Connect America Fund initiatives, we’re helping complete our nation’s broadband infrastructure, which will lead to job creation, economic growth, and innovation in the 21st century. The map is the latest example of how the agency can use mapping technology to spur innovation and to develop new products for the public.”

This interactive map shows the 37 states where new broadband will be deployed as a result of the first phase of the Connect America Fund. The number of homes, businesses, and anchor institution locations that will gain access to new broadband are displayed, along with the number of residents in each state that currently lack access to broadband.

The new map is part of the Commission’s Data Innovation Initiative to modernize and streamline how the agency collects, uses, and disseminates data. The map builds on the government-leading work by the Commission using next-generation mapping tools to make geographic data more accessible.

The ‘Connect America Fund’ aims to connect 7 million unserved rural Americans to broadband in six years, and puts the nation on a path to connect all 19 million unserved residents by 2020. The FCC launched this unprecedented broadband expansion last year when it reformed and modernized the Universal Service Fund, which connected rural America to the telephone network in the 20th century. The Commission created the ‘Connect America Fund’ to unleash the benefits of broadband for all Americans in the 21st century.

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