

## **Pottawatomie Telephone Company DBA Potelco**

### **Pottawatomie Telephone Company Awarded RUS ReConnect Grant to Enhance Rural Broadband Connectivity**

November 15, 2023- Pottawatomie Telephone Company, a trusted broadband provider in South Central Oklahoma, proudly announces its successful bid for federal funding through the USDA's RUS Reconnect program. This grant will facilitate Potelco's mission to expand access to high-speed internet services in underserved areas across the Hughes, Seminole, and Pontotoc Counties.

The grant will empower Potelco to strengthen its existing fiber network, enhancing connectivity for current customers, while extending its reach into new communities. Jake Baldwin, Potelco's CEO, expressed his gratitude "We are honored to receive this award, which enables us to bridge the divide in our community. High-speed internet is a necessity, and we are committed to making it accessible to every resident and business in Bowlegs, Oklahoma."

With the new fiber optic network, Potelco will deliver broadband services to 907 locations, benefiting 591 households and 15 businesses, thereby positively impacting a population of 1,493 Oklahomans in rural areas. The advanced network will provide multi Gig broadband speeds and phone services, ensuring seamless connectivity for all users.

Beyond offering high-speed internet, the enhanced network will support various applications, including telemedicine, distance learning, and smart business technology, empowering communities with advanced solutions for a brighter future.

Pottawatomie Telephone Company remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering top-notch services to customers and making a positive difference in the communities it serves. For further information, please contact:

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