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What's New!

USDA ReConnect Round 5 Announced

"...In addition to today's high-speed internet investments, Secretary Vilsack also announced that USDA will begin accepting applications on March 22, 2024 for its fifth round of funding for the <u>ReConnect Program</u> to connect millions of people in rural America to affordable high-speed internet.

In order to continue connecting rural families, business owners and agricultural producers to reliable, affordable high-speed internet, USDA is making several program improvements under Round 5. This will further increase the availability of funding in rural areas where residents and businesses lack access to affordable, high-speed internet...."

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NYS ConnectAll presents the Regional and Local Assistance Program

"...ConnectALL will provide funding through the Regional and Local Assistance Program (RLAP) to assist local governments, counties, municipalities, Tribal Governments, and other government entities or entities created by units of government to plan or prepare for broadband deployment or other digital equity initiatives.

RLAP is a critical complement to the other programs of ConnectALL, including the Affordable Housing Connectivity Program, the Municipal Infrastructure Program, the Digital Equity Program, and the ConnectALL Deployment and Rural Broadband Program. To maximize their effectiveness, these programs require effective planning and partnership on the regional and local level across the state. RLAP will support building local capacity to implement these programs..."

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About us

WHO WE ARE

ECC Technologies was incorporated in 1995 to provide technology and communications consulting services to Educational, Community, and Corporate (ECC) clients. This was at the time when the nation's telecomcommunications industry was changing drastically through deregulation.

For the past several decades, ECC has provided technology, broadband, and security consulting services to education, municipalities, government, and corporate clients.

ECC continues our mission to assist clients with the expansion of broadband and the implementation of technology and security solutions in communities to improve economic development, public safety, education, and health- care services

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About

The 400-mile network backbone will connect all viable municipal entities, as well as key community anchor institutions (CAIs), such as business, educational, and healthcare entities. In addition, the network will be available to any viable entity in Erie County that wishes to subscribe to the network.

ECC Technologies conducted the initial study for the open-access network on behalf of Erie County in 2017. We also developed the business plan in which Erie County will operate the nearly 400-mile middle-mile fiber-optic network.

"Our firm is now 100% accountable for the success of this project," - ECC Technologies Vice President Matthew Crider.

"This is a significant undertaking for the county," said ErieNet Chairman Thomas Baines. "I think the outcome is really what's most important."

How to get connected

If you would like to learn more about the network and how to get your community connected contact Greg Houppert at:

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