

Pride Network a wholly subsidiary of NTS Communications has recently been awarded three loan/grant combinations through the USDA/RUS Broadband Initiatives Program under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act 2009 (ARRA) stimulus bill. Pride Networks will construct a next-generation FIBER to the Home infrastructure, with a WiMAX service overlay, that will bring advanced broadband services to the communities of Burkburnett, Iowa Park and Wichita Falls, TX. With this broadband service NTS Communications will be able to provide voice, data and video services.

NTS Communications will be able to provide up to 100 megabits per second to ensure the greatest broadband speed possible. This state-of-the-art network will immediately stimulate the economy with creation of new jobs and new businesses and provide numerous long-term public benefits that will significantly improve the future these communities. By providing support for public entities the benefits will include: improving public safety broadband communications; promoting telemedicine, more effective healthcare delivery, and medical research; increase access to advanced distance learning and multimedia educational programs; facilitating the more efficient production, delivery, and management of renewable energy; and driving sustained economic growth.

Construction is currently under way in the community of Burkburnett and with the joint efforts from Burkburnett Development Corporation and Burkburnett City Hall; PRIDE Network anticipates an aggressive completion date sometime in late April. In order to accommodate the residents of Burkburnett; PRIDE Network will only deploy construction crews in designated areas. A complete detailed list of projected dates and areas where crews are expected to be in will be posted on the community boards both at City Hall and the community park on.

NTS Communications would like to thank the community of Burkburnett for its continued support with this economic stimulus project and looks forward to a continued successful partnership.

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