

FCC, USDA Launch Rural Broadband Web Site

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The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced the launch of a new, online resource for those in rural America looking to bring the benefits of broadband services to their communities. This "Broadband Opportunities for Rural America" [Web site](#) makes available the expertise and resources of the FCC and USDA in a single, easily-accessible location and user-friendly format.

The site provides information on the different technology platforms that can be used to provide broadband service, how to access spectrum necessary for delivery of wireless broadband services, government funding for broadband services, relevant FCC and USDA proceedings and initiatives, and data on broadband deployment. In addition, the site provides instructions on how to locate companies already licensed to provide wireless services in or near specific rural communities, as well as helpful links to other government and private resources related to encouraging broadband opportunities in rural America.

The Web site can be accessed at <http://wireless.fcc.gov/outreach/ruralbroadband>.