

U.S. Sen. Baldwin: Announces over \$4.7 million for broadband development in rural Wisconsin communities

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, today announced \$4,709,505 for rural broadband development in Wisconsin. This federal investment will allow four Wisconsin service providers to build-out broadband services over the course of 10 years at 7,789 locations throughout the state.

“Reliable high-speed broadband is critical to strengthening small businesses and neighborhoods throughout Wisconsin’s rural communities,” **said Senator Baldwin.** “I am proud that this federal investment will help provide strong funding for the key tools our communities need to build-out high-speed broadband in rural areas and continue our effort to bring broadband access for all – no matter where you live in Wisconsin.”

The following companies received awards for rural broadband development in Wisconsin:

- Bruce Telephone Company;
- JCWIFI.com;
- ViaSat; and
- Solarus (Wood County Telephone Company).

Recently, Senator Baldwin joined a bipartisan group of her Senate colleagues [in urging FCC Chairman Ajit Pai](#) to support the advancement and the accessibility of broadband services in rural communities.