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MLEC Awarded Community Connect Grant

Brainerd, MN – Mille Lacs Energy Cooperative (MLEC) will once again partner with Consolidated Telephone Company (CTC) on the construction of a Fiber-to-the-Home project and to expand the area’s fiber internet network. The broadband project will be funded, in part, by a \$1.9 million grant from USDA’s Community Connect program.

Affected areas will include portions of Rice River Township and Spaulding Township in rural Aitkin County. Tribal land and facilities owned and operated by the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe in the East Lake Community are also included in the project.

“We’re thrilled to collaborate with MLEC on another project”, said Joe Buttweiler, Director of Business Development at CTC. “This expansion will help rural students, families, entrepreneurs, farmers, and business owners live more productive and connected lives.”

Construction will begin in the spring of 2020. Homes and businesses within the area can contact MLEC at 218-429-0433 to inquire about services or visit www.mlecmn.net/internet.

CTC is a technology advisor and full service telecommunications company based in Brainerd, MN. Formed in 1952, CTC has grown into a complete communications provider offering telephone, high-speed internet, digital television, and IT services to businesses and individuals throughout central and northern Minnesota. More information about CTC can be found at www.goctc.com.

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