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Preliminary Broadband Survey Results Available

Thousands respond to online survey to identify statewide needs

Madison – The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) released preliminary results of its broadband survey based on input compiled since mid-March from Wisconsin residents and businesses. So far, nearly 3,900 respondents have completed the survey to help the PSC identify where needs for broadband exist in unserved or underserved areas of the state. Preliminary data results to date are available at: <http://psc.wi.gov/recoveryAct/sfResultsSurvey.htm>. Detailed maps of the geographic locations of survey respondents are also available at <http://psc.wi.gov/recoveryAct/sfMapsSurvey.htm>.

Nationally, under the federal American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA), up to \$7.2 billion is available for broadband improvement loans and grants from the federal Rural Utility Service (RUS) and National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Guidelines on grant and loan applications by the RUS and NTIA are expected in the second quarter of 2009. After the guidelines have been released, states may be asked to advise the federal agencies on where the broadband needs exist and how these needs could be helped through these loans and grants.

The broadband survey will be available at least until summer. Visit the PSC website at <http://psc.wi.gov> and under Hot Topics, find the link to [Broadband Survey](#). To learn more about the survey, please call (608) 266-6744.

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