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USDA AWARDS BAYOU INTERNET AND COMMUNICATIONS AS A BROADBAND COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GRANT PROVIDER

Monroe, La. - The USDA recently announced that Dodson Louisiana was selected to receive \$758,227 in broadband community connection grants with Bayou Internet and Communications as the awarded provider. The funds are part of a government program intended to connect essential community facilities such as police protection, fire service, hospitals, libraries and schools in rural communities where broadband services currently do not exist. Upon the acquisition of the USDA grant, Bayou Internet and Communications now assumes the responsibility of providing broadband connections for Dodson's community buildings, library and schools.

In discussing the grant Jerry Scroggin, Co-Owner and General Manager of Bayou stressed the importance of this program. "Since its inception the Community Connect Broadband Grant program has provided hundreds of grants and millions of dollars to improve community and technology infrastructures across many rural communities. Communications are an important role in our communities and a vital resource for law enforcement, fire services, health care and education." Scroggin continues, "Providing broadband connections will help these communities communicate better and more efficiently. All of us here at Bayou Internet and Communications are extremely pleased to be part of such a great program and we look forward to bringing broadband connection and all of its advantages to the people of Dodson."

About Bayou Internet and Communications

Since May 1995, Bayou Internet and Communications has provided excellent communications services to both commercial and residential customers in Northern Louisiana. Bayou's business solutions include virtual email, virtual 360° tours, video conferencing, network design & configuration, Virtual Private Networks (VPN), Wide Area Networks (WAN), Integrated Services Digital Networks (ISDN), High Speed Internet; provided through DSL, Satellite Connections, Wireless, T-1 lines, T-3 lines and dialup connections. Additional offerings include Web site design; Web hosting, data transit, Web site advertising and Internet marketing. Bayou also provides managed services, fiber optic connections, spam filtering and content filtering. Today, Bayou is one of the largest independently owned Internet and communications service provider in Northern Louisiana, with corporate offices located in Monroe. "Bayou Internet and Communications, Where You Live, Work and Play"

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