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**Hawaiian Telcom Expands Fiber Broadband to 5,000 Rural Locations**  
***More Local Residents Now Have Access to Hawai'i's Fastest Internet***

HONOLULU (December 19, 2017) – Today [Hawaiian Telcom](http://www.hawaiiantel.com) (NASDAQ: HCOM) announced it has expanded fiber broadband to 5,000 locations in rural areas in Hawai'i. Partially supported by the federal [Connect America Fund](http://www.connectamerica.gov) (CAF), this expansion includes the first CAF deployment on Moloka'i.

About 70 percent of the deployments used Fiber-to-the-Premise (FTTP) technology, enabling access to ultra-fast 1 gigabit (1,000 megabits per second or Mbps) High-Speed Internet service, which Hawaiian Telcom was the first in Hawai'i to launch in June 2015. Since then Hawaiian Telcom expanded 1 gig availability by more than 50 percent to more than 140,000 residences and businesses on O'ahu, Kaua'i, Maui and the Big Island. In 2016 Pu'u Lani Ranch and Pu'uanahulu on Hawai'i Island were the first CAF-eligible areas enabled for broadband with FTTP technology.

"As Hawai'i's Technology Leader, Hawaiian Telcom is committed to expanding broadband access so more of our residents can experience its extensive benefits," said Scott Barber, President and CEO. "We're proud to be the only local provider actively expanding broadband within high-cost rural areas and of our ability to deploy speeds more than 100 times higher than the federal requirement."

Broadband is now available in parts of these communities: Eden Roc, Fern Acres, Fern Forest, Glenwood, Hawaiian Acres, Hakalau, Kaiwiki, Kalapana, Kalōpā Mauka, Kapoho, Kurtistown, Leilani Estates, Miloli'i, Nanawale Estates, Nīnole, Ocean View Estates, Orchidland, Ouli, Pa'auilo Mauka and Waiki'i Ranch on Hawai'i Island, Huelo on Maui, and Kaluako'i on Moloka'i. For more information, visit [hawaiiantel.com/Internet](http://hawaiiantel.com/Internet) or call (808) 643-3456.

In 2015, Hawaiian Telcom was awarded approximately \$26 million in CAF Phase II support to deploy a minimum of 10 Mbps downstream and 1 Mbps upstream to more than 11,000 unserved locations by 2020. The Federal Communications Commission selects CAF-eligible areas.

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***About Hawaiian Telcom***

*Hawaiian Telcom (NASDAQ: HCOM), headquartered in Honolulu, is Hawai'i's technology leader, providing integrated communications, broadband, data center and entertainment solutions for business and residential customers. With roots in Hawai'i beginning in 1883, the Company offers a full range of services including Internet, video, voice, wireless, data network solutions and security, colocation, and*

*managed and cloud services supported by the reach and reliability of its next generation fiber network and a 24/7 state-of-the-art network operations center. With employees statewide sharing a commitment to innovation and a passion for delivering superior service, Hawaiian Telcom provides an Always On<sup>SM</sup> customer experience. For more information, visit [www.hawaiiantel.com](http://www.hawaiiantel.com).*