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**Hawaiian Telcom Enables More Rural Locations with Fiber Broadband
Wins \$18.2M in First-of-Its-Kind Federal Auction to Enable Rural Areas with 1 Gig Internet**

HONOLULU (November 21, 2018) – With Cyber Monday forecast to be the largest online shopping day in U.S. history with sales estimated to reach \$7.25 billion, it's clear that broadband has become a necessity to modern life. Broadband access in rural areas fuels economic development, enabling residents to purchase goods that are not available locally while broadening business, healthcare and educational opportunities. Aligned with this, [Hawaiian Telcom](#) is proud to announce it has enabled more than 1,000 rural locations throughout Hawai'i with fiber broadband this year.

Partially supported by the federal [Connect America Fund](#) (CAF), broadband is now available in parts of these communities: Princeville, Kaua'i Beach and the Lihue Airport on Kaua'i, and in Ainaloa, Kurtistown, Mountain View and the Kona Airport on Hawai'i Island. CAF is the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) program to expand access to broadband services in rural areas that are unserved or underserved.

Hawai'i's Technology Leader is also the only Hawai'i-based service provider that submitted and won a competitive bid for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) [CAF Phase II Auction](#) held this summer. Hawaiian Telcom was awarded \$18.2 million in CAF Phase II Auction funds to deploy High-Speed Internet service of 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) download and 500 megabits per second (Mbps) upload to approximately 4,000 unserved rural locations statewide over the next six years.

"Fiber is the future and Hawaiian Telcom remains committed to expanding fiber broadband across our island state," said John Komeiji, President and General Manager. "We are proud to be the only local provider actively expanding broadband to underserved rural areas here in Hawai'i. As the use of connected devices continues to grow, it's important for more of our local residents and businesses to have access to higher speeds."

One gig or 1 Gbps is equal to 1,000 Mbps, enabling multiple connected devices to run bandwidth-intensive applications like streaming video and online gaming simultaneously over a shared connection without sacrificing quality.

With CAF II Auction support, Hawaiian Telcom will expand Internet service to unserved areas including:

- Hawai'i Island – Hawaiian Acres, Hawaiian Ocean View Estates, Kohala, Laupāhoehoe, Orchidland and Pepe'ekeo
- Maui – Haiku, Hāna and Olowalu
- Moloka'i – Kaunakakai and 'Ualapu'e

- Lānaʻi - Lānaʻi City
- Kauaʻi - Hanapepe, Kīlauea, Kōkeʻe, Kekaha and Waimea
- Oʻahu – Kahuku and Mālaekahana

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About Hawaiian Telcom

Hawaiian Telcom, established and headquartered in Honolulu since 1883, offers a full range of services to business and residential customers including Internet, video, voice, wireless, data network solutions and security, colocation, and managed and cloud services - all supported by the reach and reliability of its next generation fiber network and 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 is proud to be Hawaiʻi's Technology Leader. For more information, visit hawaiiantel.com