

TDS Telecom Calls on Wisconsin Governor to sign state budget

The Madison-based telecommunications company praises legislative leaders for responsible spending plan that received bipartisan support

MADISON, Wisconsin (July 1, 2021)—TDS Telecom (TDS®) would like to thank Wisconsin legislative leaders and their members for ushering through the new biennial budget that reduces taxes while investing in shared priorities including improving internet access across the Badger State. The \$125 million allocated for state broadband grants continues the strong public-private partnership that has served the state well.

The following statement can be attributed to Kit Beyer, director of External Affairs and Communications at TDS Telecom:

“As Gov. Evers reviews the state budget, we ask that he supports the investments to bring reliable internet services to unserved and underserved areas of Wisconsin. With roughly 7% of Wisconsinites not receiving adequate internet service, it’s essential that we work together to bridge the digital divide, especially in the most remote areas of the state.

“The future economy in Wisconsin depends on high-quality internet services; Wisconsin businesses and families can thrive with strong broadband connections. TDS applauds the bipartisan support that broadband expansion has received, and we look forward to working with state officials and community partners on improving internet services and closing the digital gap in the months and years to come.”

Background:

In recent years, TDS received grants from the Wisconsin Broadband Grant Program to provide broadband in the Town of Berry and Town of Vermont, in northwest Dane County and Town of Cranmoor, in central Wisconsin. In 2020, TDS was awarded funding for projects in Mosinee, located in Marathon County and Stetsonville, located in Taylor County in Wisconsin.

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