

## **Public Notice Submission**

**Provider Name:** Wiggins Telephone Association

**Summary:** Wiggins Telephone Association (WTA) has an existing Fiber to the Home construction project and \$29.7 million RUS loan approved in 2008 to provide broadband access throughout the entire WTA certificated service area. Portions of the Colorado counties of Adams, Logan, Morgan and Weld are included in the Wiggins Telephone Association service areas.

Copper fed DSL is available in the Briggsdale, Grover and New Raymer communities subject to a limit of 18,000 feet from the central office pending construction of FTTH facilities. Additional construction is to be completed by the end of 2011 providing broadband access to all subscribers throughout the Wiggins Telephone Association service areas. Bandwidth packages offered to all areas beginning at 1.0 Mbps downstream and 512 Kbps upstream to the highest package currently offered at 5 Mbps/2 Mbps.

On March 4, 2010 WTA was awarded in the ARRA RUS BIP Round 1 a loan grant combination of \$4,328,431 to serve the communities of Weldona, Goodrich, Orchard and Masters with Fiber to the Home Broadband. We are currently in the process of getting that project underway. The project designation for this project is Colorado 1106-A40.

WTA is a founding member of Colorado Communications Transport, LLC (CCT, LLC), an eleven member limited liability consortium of 10 rural independent Local Exchange Carriers and Zayo Bandwidth. This consortium was formed to provide middle mile capacity at affordable prices across the companies' existing fiber optic networks in northeast Colorado to downtown Denver for access to national carriers and the national Internet backbone network. This fiber optic ring network will have sufficient capacity to connect and serve the member companies and anchor institutions in the region using fiber facilities leased to the LLC by each member. CCT, LLC and its members has signed letters of collaboration with applicants in the ARRA Round 2 to provide access and services on the CCT, LLC ringed network and members companies local, last mile facilities.