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### CimTel Wins RUS ReConnect Award to Expand Rural Broadband Access

Mannford, Oklahoma –8-31-2023– CimTel, a leading broadband provider in Northeast Oklahoma, today announced that it has been awarded federal funding from the most recent round of the USDA’s RUS ReConnect program to expand rural broadband access to farms, businesses, and homes in parts of Creek County, Oklahoma. The award, which delivers fiber to the premises to just under 1,500 locations, will be used to improve CimTel’s fiber network for their existing customers and extend fiber into new underserved areas in Creek County.

“We are thrilled to receive this award,” said Jake Baldwin, CEO of CimTel. “This investment will help us to close the digital divide in our community and ensure that everyone has access to the essential services and opportunities that come with high-speed internet.”

The new fiber-optic network will provide service to a total of 1,447 locations made up of homes, businesses, farms and one educational facility in Creek County, Oklahoma. This award, totaling just under \$18 million, will bring a network capable of delivering multi-Gig broadband speeds as well as phone and television.

In addition to providing high-speed internet service, the new network will also be used to support a variety of other applications, such as telemedicine, distance learning, and smart business technology.

Kyle Hilbert, Speaker Pro Tempore of District 29 for the Oklahoma House of Representatives said: “I am thrilled by the announcement of CimTel adding 1,447 homes to the World Wide Web with high-speed internet access. Cimarron’s commitment to Oklahoma and the citizens of Creek County with broadband will truly assist our friends and neighbors for years to come.”

“This is another big investment by CimTel in our community,” added Leon Warner, Creek County Commissioner. “This new investment will help improve network access to many in our area, and will improve the quality of life for everyone impacted.”

CimTel is a leading broadband and telecommunications provider that offers a wide range of services, including internet, phone, and television. CimTel is committed to providing high-quality service to its customers and to making a positive impact on the communities it serves.