



## **ViaSat WildBlue Subsidiary Awarded ARRA Stimulus Grant for Rural Satellite Broadband Access**

### **Grant awarded for connecting rural homes and businesses in U.S. West and Midwest**

CARLSBAD, Calif., Aug 19, 2010 /PRNewswire via COMTEX News Network/ -- ViaSat Inc. (Nasdaq: VSAT) subsidiary WildBlue Communications LLC has been awarded an estimated \$19.5 million in grant funding by the Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Service (RUS) under the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) to connect unserved residents to affordable broadband services. The funding is in response to WildBlue's Western Regional Proposal to the RUS, which focused on providing service to less densely populated areas in 20 western and midwestern states which have no access to broadband services offered by terrestrial carriers, including many areas which are economically disadvantaged. The award is conditional on reaching agreement on terms and conditions with the RUS.

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WildBlue, with co-applicants DIRECTV and DISH, submitted its Western Regional Proposal, requesting a grant to activate new subscribers in the western U.S. Subscribers covered by the grant would receive service from one of WildBlue's three current satellites - Anik-F2, WildBlue-1, and AMC-15 - and starting in mid 2011, from the new high-capacity ViaSat-1 satellite.

### **About ViaSat ([www.viasat.com](http://www.viasat.com))**

ViaSat produces innovative satellite and other digital communication products that enable fast, secure, and efficient communications to virtually any location. The company provides networking products and managed network services for enterprise IP applications; is a key supplier of network-centric military communications and encryption technologies and products to the U.S. government; is the primary technology partner for gateway and customer-premises equipment for consumer and mobile satellite broadband services; and owns WildBlue, the premier Ka-band satellite broadband service provider. ViaSat also offers design capabilities and a number of complementary products including monolithic microwave integrated circuits and modules, DVB-S2 satellite communication components, video data link systems, data acceleration and compression, and mobile satellite antenna systems. Based in Carlsbad, CA, ViaSat includes a number of worldwide locations for customer service, network operations, and technology development.

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