



# PCCA Government & Industry Affairs Roundtable

PCCA Convention  
Friday, September 24, 2020  
Nashville, Tennessee

# Overview

- ▶ RUS Re-Connect Pilot
- ▶ PCCA Representation
  - ▶ BDAC II - Job Skills Working Group
  - ▶ FCC/RUS Precision Ag Task Force
  - ▶ American Connection Project
- ▶ Damage Prevention Initiatives
- ▶ DOT FMCSA

# RUS ReConnect Pilot Program

- ▶ \$600 million in Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018
- ▶ Grants, loan/grant combinations, straight loans
- ▶ Program to “facilitate broadband deployment in areas of rural America that don’t currently have sufficient access to broadband.”
- ▶ “Insufficient Service”- 90% households without fixed broadband service of 10/1 Mbps
  
- ▶ **FY 2021**
  - ▶ House Agriculture Appropriations:
    - ▶ \$990 million for the ReConnect program
      - ▶ An increase of \$435 million over last year, or 78%

# Other Broadband Funding

- ▶ \$1.055 billion for rural broadband expansion, **including \$990 million for the ReConnect program (an increase of \$435 million, or 78%)**
- ▶ Also of PCCA interest is \$6.9 billion in loan authority for rural electric (and telephone) infrastructure loans
- ▶ In addition, direct FCC funding included in the House Appropriations Financial Services/General Government Bill:
  - ▶ **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)** – The bill includes \$376.1 million for the FCC, an increase of \$37.1 million above the FY 2020 enacted level. This includes funding to implement new broadband mapping legislation.
  - ▶ Includes \$61 billion in emergency funding for the FCC to expand availability of broadband to unserved areas, as well as multi-year funding for broadband mapping and replacement of telecommunications equipment deemed to pose a national security threat to the United States.

# FCC/RUS Precision Ag Task Force

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# American Connection Project

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# DOT FMCSA

- ▶ Implementation of HOS reforms delayed into 2021
- ▶ Pilot program for interstate drivers (commercial)

# BDAC II - Job Skills Working Group

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# Damage Prevention

- ▶ Letters to Governors
- ▶ Gold Shovel Standard Discussions
- ▶ Common Ground Alliance

# DOT / FMCSA

- ▶ Implementation of HOS Reforms
- ▶ Interstate Drivers - 18-year old drivers

Questions?