

Says the \$12 million will help revitalize local economy and give businesses an advantage

Mankato, MN – Today, Congressman Walz announced that the Southwest Minnesota Broadband Group (SWMBG) will receive a \$6.4 million loan and a \$6.4 million grant to expand high speed internet to southwest Minnesota.

“Investing in expanded communications capabilities, like high-speed Internet and cable television, is critical to the economic vitality of our rural communities,” said Walz. “This wonderful news today means jobs for construction and a boost to businesses who can use this technology to become more innovative and efficient right here in southern Minnesota.”

This project was one of 11 throughout the country announced today. The funding was made available by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

This funding, along with an \$88,000 private investment, will provide high-speed Internet, voice, and cable television to the participating communities. This will improve the quality of life by increasing the availability of health, education, and public safety services across the region.