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Senator César J. Blanco Announces \$5.2 Million in Grant Funding for Broadband Infrastructure in West Texas

Austin, Texas- This week, Senator Blanco announced that the Texas Comptroller's Office has awarded \$5.2 million in initial award grant funding for broadband infrastructure projects for 4 counties in Senate District 29. The grants, part of the Bringing Online Opportunities to Texas (BOOT) program, aim to enhance internet connectivity across the region. This initial funding will support crucial broadband projects, delivering reliable and affordable internet service to 664 locations in Jeff Davis, Brewster, Presidio, and Culberson counties.

Co-authored and supported by Senator Blanco in the 3rd Special Session of the 87th Legislature, Senate Bill 8 allocated \$500 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for broadband infrastructure.

The awarded funds are distributed as follows:

- Brewster County: Big Bend Telecom, Ltd. - **\$1,067,589**
- Culberson County: Resound Networks - **\$378,450**
- Jeff Davis County: Big Bend Telecom, Ltd. - **\$3,319,532**
- Presidio County: Resound Networks - **\$410,040**

Senator Blanco issued the following statement:

“Access to reliable, high-speed internet is essential for economic development, education, healthcare, and overall quality of life, especially in our rural communities where reliable internet access has been a long-standing challenge. This initial funding marks the beginning of a historic investment in Texas infrastructure that will bridge the digital divide and bring new opportunities to our communities. I commend the Texas Comptroller’s office for their dedication to improving our state’s broadband infrastructure and look forward to seeing the positive impact these projects will have on our communities.”