MTC Awarded $18 Million in Grant money to Expand Fiber in Rural Illinois

McDonough Telephone Cooperative (MTC) has been investing in our communities since 1951. From the initial cooperative members coming together in 1951 to provide phone service to the area, all the way to today, MTC has always focused on providing reliable service to its members. Now, we're devoted to building a reliable, all-fiber optic gigabit networks in the Midwest Illinois so our region has the best possible broadband available.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative is made up of 12 exchanges that cover 20 communities: Adair, Bardolph, Blandinsville, Brooklyn, Colchester, Colusa, Doddsville, Fandon, Good Hope, Industry, Littleton, Lomax, New Philadelphia, Raritan, Sciota, Smithshire, Swan Creek, Tennessee, Walnut Grove and Youngstown. McDonough Telephone incorporated MTC Communications in 1995 to expand to surrounding areas and uses the Co-op business mentality to provide everything their customers need for a connected life.

With MTC's newly awarded ReConnect Grant, MTC will use the grant funds to expand its **fiber-to-the-premises** (FTTP) network to offer high-speed fiber internet to parts of rural Hancock, Henderson, McDonough and Warren counties, **providing currently unserved locations with Gigabit, high-speed fiber internet.**

Maps of the build and MTC's current Fiber areas are available online at: mtcfiber.net. **Residents are encouraged to visit mtcfiber.net to register their interest in MTC's Gig-capable fiber optic internet.** MTC will email updates out to everyone registered through mtcfiber.net and email an official service application when MTC is ready to construct fiber drops in their area.

For more information, follow MTC's Facebook page at facebook.com/followmdtc.

McDonough Telephone Cooperative has proudly served parts of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, McDonough, Warren, and Schuyler counties since 1951. McDonough Telephone provides fiber-to-the-premises (FTTP) technology to its customers, giving its customers state-of-the-art service quality, speed, and reliability. For more information on service, visit mtcfiber.net or call 309-575-3211. McDonough Telephone is a recognized NTCA Smart Rural CommunitiesTM Gig-Capable provider.

BLUE Areas: McDonough Telephone Cooperative (ILEC) areas
GREEN Areas: MTC Communications (CLEC) areas
ORANGE Areas: RDOF Grant awarded areas
PINK Areas: ReConnect Grant awarded areas