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### **Arialink Broadband Announces Loan from Michigan Broadband Development Authority**

**Lansing, Mich.**—Arialink Broadband today announced details of a \$6 million loan from the Michigan Broadband Development Authority (MBDA) for a project to provide high-speed Internet access to Muskegon County.

The project is the first of its kind in the entire country and will utilize Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Development Block Grant (HUD/CDBG) resources for the expansion of broadband services to five low-to-moderate income communities in Muskegon County.

Arialink Broadband is planning a deployment of a hybrid fixed wireless and fiber network. In addition to the \$6 million loan from the MBDA, Arialink Broadband will receive a project grant for up to \$2.2 million to make Internet access available to the village of Lakewood Club and the townships of Cedar Creek, Egelston, Holton and Moorland by the fall of 2006.

“We’re thrilled that the federal government has faith in Michigan to pilot this program,” said Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth (DLEG) Director David C. Hollister.

Upon completion, this project could expand Michigan’s fiber infrastructure in an area of the state that has limited access. Fiber is a high-speed data medium, which has virtually infinite capacity. The increased availability of this resource could help attract new businesses to the area as well as expand the capabilities of existing businesses, governmental agencies and educational institutions.

“Our company is excited about being the nationwide model for a project like this. The combination of the MBDA loan and the federal grant dollars will help us to deploy our broadband solution to more people in a timelier fashion,” said Jason Schreiber, President of Arialink Broadband.

Arialink Broadband is a leading provider in connectivity for businesses, institutions and residential communities.

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