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WISPering Goodbye



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NODANet, a Wireless Internet Service Provider (WISP) service of NODA, has been serving the rural communities with otherwise unattainable internet services since 2003.

With the many advances that have been made, and strides taken by local and federal governments to bring all previously underserved territories to the standard 10Mbps, NODA has decided that in the best interest of our current customers to sell the WISP service to Nextlink., NextLink is an internet service provider established in 2012 based primarily out of Texas they have expanded to Oklahoma to deliver High Speed Internet and Voice Services to residential, business, and government customers. Nextlink officially took over NODANet on June 1, 2020. While it is hard to say goodbye to a fixture of NODA that has been around for so long, we at NODA are all excited to see what the future holds. We look forward to continuing to work with NextLink to make sure all of our counties and towns are served with the internet needed in the ever-changing and tech-heavy world.

Turning to the Future

NODANet employees Jon Turner and T.J. Chattam have left NODA to join with Nextlink and continue to work to help the integration of networks go as smoothly as possible. Jon started at NODANet in 2006 and will continue in a managerial position with the new company. T.J. has been with NODANet since 2015, he was originally contracted to do tower climbs before joining the team full time. We all wish them the best in their careers.



OKLAHOMA Transportation

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) is completing a Coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan to identify transportation services, gaps and unmet needs for seniors and individuals with disabilities. Once complete, this transportation plan will provide recommendations to better serve these communities across the state, as ODOT assumes responsibility of administering the Section 5310 program previously administered by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Here is where you can go to complete the survey. The survey ends **Monday, July 13th**

ONLINE English Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ODOT5310Survey>

ONLINE Spanish Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ODOT5310Spanish>

Hard Copy: if you require a hard-copy PDF version of the survey, please contact lisa.hummel@wsp.com to request accommodations.



An Engagement, a Wedding, and a Farewell

Patti Lickliter will be leaving NODA in July of this year. Patti has been with NODA since 2018 working in the NORTPO division and has been overseeing the Hazard Mitigation Program since that time. We all wish to congratulate her on her wonderful engagement, upcoming exciting wedding, and thrilling move to start her new life.

Patti will be moving to Corpus Christi Texas with her new husband Chris Hobbs. If you see her be sure to congratulate the future Mrs. Hobbs!



EDA Has Grant Funds to Aid Communities Impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic

On May 7, 2020, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross announced the Economic Development Administration (EDA) is accepting applications from eligible grantees for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) supplemental funds (EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance) intended to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

“EDA CARES Act Recovery Assistance funds will support the long-term recovery of communities across the nation that have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic,” Ross stated. It’s designed to provide financial assistance to communities and regions as they respond to and recover from the impacts of COVID-19. EDA intend to deploy the CARES Act funding as quickly, effectively, and efficiently as possible, and in a manner that meets the needs of our communities.

On March 27, President Trump signed the \$2 trillion CARES Act into law. It provides EDA with \$1.467 billion for grant making. EDA will make these grants under the authority of its Economic Adjustment Assistance (EAA) program, which intends to be flexible and responsive to the economic development needs and priorities of local and regional stakeholders.

These investments support a wide range of activities (including Revolving Loan Funds). Project examples are: implementing entrepreneurial support programs to diversify economies, and constructing public works and facilities that support economic recovery, including broadband for purposes including supporting telehealth and remote learning for job skills.

Eligible applicants under the EAA program include:

- State, county, city, or other political subdivision of a state, including a special purpose unit of a state or local government engaged in economic or infrastructure development activities, or a consortium of political subdivisions;
- Institution of higher education or a consortium of institutions of higher education; or
- Public or private non-profit organization or association acting in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a state.

For more information, contact Vicki Eggers at vicki@noda-ok.org, or 580-237-4810.

The mission of the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) is to lead the federal economic development agenda by promoting competitiveness and preparing the nation’s regions for growth and success in the worldwide economy.



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Making a Difference in Northern Oklahoma

We provide opportunities to improve the quality of life in our eight county region - Alfalfa, Blaine, Garfield, Grant, Kay, Kingfisher, Major and Noble.

For more information about NODA services, contact us at (580)237-4810 or nodanet.org.

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2020 Census Rates



2020 Census Self-Response Rate
for Oklahoma, by County

Geography	Self-Response Rate		Ranking				Estimated Cost of Undercount (potential \$ lost over 10 yrs)			RDS Region
	2010 (Final)	6/15/2020	Current Rank	2010 Final Rank	Difference: Current vs 2010	by Most Improved, WoW	2% undercount	3% undercount	5% undercount	
U.S.	66.5%	61.4%								
OKLAHOMA	62.3%	55.9%	42	40	12	10				
Alfalfa	55.1%	44.1%	48	46	29	34	\$4,497,802	\$6,746,704	\$11,244,506	Northwest
Blaine	49.1%	37.8%	65	71	27	19	\$9,520,960	\$14,281,439	\$23,802,399	Northwest
Garfield	68.0%	61.8%	7	3	59	59	\$48,294,376	\$72,441,564	\$120,735,940	Northwest
Grant	57.7%	47.2%	37	36	34	34	\$3,608,924	\$5,413,387	\$9,022,311	Northwest
Kay	66.3%	60.0%	10	6	58	73	\$37,119,226	\$55,678,840	\$92,798,066	Northwest
Kingfisher	62.9%	52.0%	23	16	32	29	\$11,985,105	\$17,977,657	\$29,962,762	Northwest
Major	62.7%	54.2%	18	18	45	37	\$6,000,534	\$9,000,787	\$15,001,311	Northwest
Noble	60.6%	56.9%	13	26	71	57	\$9,216,429	\$13,824,644	\$23,041,073	Northwest
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Data source: <https://www.2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html>

The Oklahoma Commerce has released the current data on the 2020 census and the final numbers from the 2010 census for comparison. Watching the counties that are served by NODA are proud to see the high percentage numbers that are being turned in for this important census. Make your voice heard and help delegate how funding is spent. There is an urgent need for us to get the word out, please look at your county and think of a way you can assist with increasing the rates for your area.

Here are some great ideas used by other communities:

1. Ask the owners of the digital billboards in your area to add a Census message, i.e. banks/schools.
2. Put a message in the utility bills or statements from your office or agency and continue to include the message until October 31, 2020 (the final date to respond).
3. Forward this email to your distribution list and ask them to continue the forward and do one item on this list.
4. If your office or agency has customer service agents, instruct them to ask people to fill it out and hand them a flyer with information. We cannot require it, but we can ask and inform people of its importance.
5. Go to the link below and print a few flyers or other materials and distribute them to your family, friends, employees or customers, or at your next community event, such as a Farmers Market or Main Street event
6. Ask your local schools to send out a remind or other type of message to their recipients about the importance of Census to school funding.
7. Talk to your church or ministerial alliance representatives to encourage church officials to discuss the Census to their congregations.
8. Ask your local radio stations and newspapers to run PSAs and news stories about the Census.
9. Talk, to everyone you know or everyone you come in contact with on a daily basis about the importance of the 2020 Census and how much Oklahoma stands to lose. Then, ask that person to spread the message as well.

For more information, and to complete the 2020 census for Oklahoma, please go to this website.

<https://okletscount.org/>



**OKLAHOMA
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Oklahoma Dept. of Commerce Announces Energy Efficiency Funding Opportunity for Local Governments

Cities, towns and counties can apply for funding for Energy Efficiency Lighting Retrofit Projects to upgrade existing interior and/or exterior lighting systems that will reduce energy use and utility costs; reduce maintenance, and improve color rendering for better optics, safety and security.

Up to \$100,000 is available for projects but the deadline to apply is **3 pm Wednesday, July 8, 2020**. For more information go to: <https://www.ok.gov/dcs/solicit/app/solicitationDetail.php?sollD=3840>.



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