

## Broadband USA Applications Database

**Applicant Name:** Allband Communications Cooperative

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### Public Notice Submissions

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-----**Service Area:** Service Area A Alpena

**Submitter:** Charter Communications

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-----**Service Area:** Service Area A Alcona

**Submitter:** Custom Software Inc. dba/M-33 Access

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-----**Service Area:** Service Area A Presque Isle

**Submitter:** SpeedNet, LLC

**Comment:** SpeedNet, LLC, a Michigan financed, owned and operated company wireless broadband service to thousands of residential and commercial customers as the incumbent broadband ISP

throughout Presque Isle County. In January of 2001, SpeedNet acquired the 2.5 GHz – 2.7 GHz spectrum in NE Michigan. The spectrum area from this lease acquisition covers the entire proposed application map submitted by Allband Communications with a wireless broadband connection of 3.0 Mbps x 384 Kbps at a rate of \$34.95/month. SpeedNet provides licensed wireless broadband service with investments in both a fixed wireless DOCSIS 2.0 technology purchased from Arris, and an OFDM (WiMAX) technology purchased from Motorola. These broadband delivery methods are provisioned by SpeedNet through a matrix of company financed, built, managed, and maintained server technologies, co-located cell tower attachments, billing system, licensed backhaul paths, and a team of twenty employees based in Saginaw Michigan. Because of the existing capital investment, SpeedNet has the capability to provide licensed wireless broadband service from our access points in Presque Isle. This privately funded investment was financed by Michigan natives John Ogren and Robert Liggett. These two partners continue to own and operate the company today. If funded, the Allband Communications would use federal stimulus funds to not only damage the private investments made by these individuals but also utilize stimulus dollars to build technology in areas currently served by SpeedNet and other broadband competitors that cannot be viewed as unserved or underserved by the definitions in the NOFA.

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