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Quality Broadband, a Countywide Possibility with Survey Participation

Crestview, Fla. – Okaloosa County is working to improve broadband to areas of North Okaloosa with little to no access at this time. A quick 10-question survey, with integrated speed test is a first step in accomplishing the goal. Participation is critical to the success of this project.

"The areas of Okaloosa County, where there is little or no access to internet services, experience significant roadblocks for business expansion, applying for jobs and participating in online education," said Okaloosa Board of County Commissioners Chairman Mel Ponder.

The online survey is available <u>HERE</u> and must be completed by March 1, 2022. Business and residential participants are asked to complete the survey at a home or business where high-speed internet is unreliable or unavailable. Paper copies are available upon request.

According to Vice-Chairman Nathan Boyles (District 3), "This broadband survey will give us the data needed to develop improvement projects and present solutions on broadband infrastructure needs for Okaloosa County residents and businesses."

The information gathered from the survey will only be used to support the North County Broadband Project and to guide the investment of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. For more information or assistance on this survey, please call 850-651-7570 or email the County at itinfo@myokaloosa.com. Access the Broadband Internet Survey directly at https://webgis.myokaloosa.com/broadbandsurvey/.

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