

## **BROADBAND INFORMATION UPDATE    September 12, 2012**

The Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative is providing high-speed internet access to the underserved and un-served citizens, businesses, public safety and rescue facilities, community anchor, education, and medical institutions in Southside Virginia, a service area including 15 counties (including Surry County).

The April 1, 2012 to June 30, 2012 quarter project accomplishments completed include:

- 1) Continuing bi-weekly calls between National Telecommunications and Information Administration and Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative;
- 2) Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative is continuing the process of negotiating tower leases with only three tower leases remaining;
- 3) Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative received approval from National Telecommunications and Information Administration to upgrade towers that did not pass structural analysis in order to hold the WiMax equipment;
- 4) Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative submitted two (2) draws for this quarter;
- 5) At June 30, 2012 build-out of the network remains to be 67% complete with tower equipment installed at 24 sites;
- 6) Buggs Island Telephone Cooperative continues to test the network and continues installing beta testers.