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**RURAL CONNECTIONS: WIRELESS BROADBAND ENHANCES RURAL COMMUNITIES**

Kingston, ON: On June 30, 2008 it was announced that OmniGlobe Networks, Inc, the telecommunications company that provides cost-effective broadband Internet, satellite and cellular services to remote communities around the globe, was selected to enhance telecommunications infrastructure, through wireless broadband, to the under serviced rural areas north of Kingston.

The project, part of a joint \$10M government initiative, is designed to provide affordable, accessible, and reliable broadband access to residents and businesses in and around Selby, Mountain Grove, Godfrey, Cloyne, and Plevna. The City of Kingston, which already provides broadband access to the urban parts of Kingston through their subsidiary Utilities Kingston, submitted an application for provincial funding in partnership with Kingston Economic Development Corporation (KEDCO) in an effort to improve the broadband network in the rural areas of the City of Kingston, the County of Lennox & Addington and the County of Frontenac. Frontenac Community Futures Development Corporation (FCFDC) provided additional funding for the project.

As part of the outreach to the rural community, KEDCO recruited a Broadband Coordinator to promote and market the benefits of broadband and inform residents and businesses how they can maximize the potential broadband offers from a citizen engagement, job growth and economic diversification perspective. Over the last month, a series of information workshops has been developed with the first one of these kicking off in Selby on September 17.

Doug Lovegrove, Broadband Coordinator with KEDCO states, "as a resident in the rural community, I realize the importance of a strong telecommunications network, particularly if you are doing business in a rural area. I cannot stress enough that accessible, affordable and reliable high speed Internet service is essential to promote social and economic development"

Information workshops are scheduled for the following areas:

- Selby – September 17, 2008
- Godfrey – October 01, 2008
- Mountain Grove – October 08, 2008
- Cloyne – October 16, 2008
- Plevna – October 22, 2008

For further information regarding the broadband initiative or any of the workshops, please visit <http://www.omniglobebroadband.com> or, contact Doug Lovegrove at 613-453-6329 or email [lovegrove@kingstoncanada.com](mailto:lovegrove@kingstoncanada.com). To register for the information sessions, please call 1-888-365-OMNI (6664).

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