

Barrett Xplore Inc. to Provide High-Speed Internet to Rural Camrose County

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CAMROSE, AB – Camrose County is pleased to announce that Barrett Xplore Inc. (BXI), has been selected to provide its Xplornet high-speed Internet services to residents in presently unserved rural areas in Camrose County.

Camrose County, using a competitive bidding process, issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to seek a high-speed Internet service provider who could provide reliable, affordable high-speed Internet access to all rural areas within the County. On August 25, 2009, Council voted to accept the recommendation of the Evaluations Committee and awarded the project to BXI. Barrett Xplore Inc., Canada's largest rural broadband service provider, was selected not only because their proposal achieved the highest point score in the bidding process, but also because their unique dual technology -- a combination of both fixed wireless and satellite technologies -- allows them to provide 100% broadband coverage to the rural residents of Camrose County. With either service, County residents will be able to browse the Internet, download music, upload photos to friends and family members, bank online, and much, much more.

“Our Council and County Administration are very excited about this agreement and strongly believe that it will provide significant, long lasting financial and social benefits to our residents and our communities,” said Don Gregorwich, Reeve of Camrose County.

“We are pleased to have been chosen to provide broadband services to the rural residents of Camrose County and would like to welcome them into the Xplornet family,” said Bill Robertson, General Manager of Western Canada for BXI. “Residents are encouraged to register with Xplornet at www.xplornet.com or by calling 1-866-841-6001 so they can be informed about when service is made available in their area.”

Grant funding for the project is presently being pursued. It is anticipated that the project will commence in early 2010 and is scheduled for completion by the end of that year.

About Barrett Xplore

Barrett Xplore Inc. operates Xplornet Internet Services, Canada's largest rural broadband provider, with customers and dealers in every province and territory. Barrett Xplore Inc. aims to bridge the urban/rural digital divide by ensuring that every Canadian, regardless of where they live, has access to broadband, thereby enabling them to compete effectively in the global economy and gain access to essential government and educational services. For more information about Xplornet or to find a dealer closest to you, visit www.xplornet.com

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