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# Pixius adds Kansas broadband service areas

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**Pixius Communications LLC** is taking its broadband Internet service to new areas of Kansas.

The company launched its service from Wichita in 2002 and now provides broadband Internet to more than 5,700 customers in Kansas and Missouri. Its service will now be available to consumers and businesses in the central Kansas regions of Canton, New Gottland, Galva and the east side of McPherson, as well as in northeast Kansas near Paola and Osawatomie.

“Last year Pixius added nine new locations, upgraded capacity at four locations and improved technology in two others,” Pixius CEO Jay Maxwell said in a release. “For 2010, we are off to a fast start with two new towers completed and have four more in progress. This continued expansion and improvement represents the Pixius commitment to broadband Internet service in unserved and underserved areas.”

The company is also on a list of Kansas entities seeking stimulus funding for broadband Internet projects. Pixius has made a grant request of \$55 million to help increase broadband access in rural areas under the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program. BTOP will make about \$4.9 billion for such projects nationwide.

The **National Telecommunications and Information Administration** is still determining which projects will be selected.

Pixius employs about 30 people in Wichita.

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