**FCC Begins Phase 1 of Rural Broadband Expansion**

The Federal Communications Commission has launched the Rural Digital Opportunity Fund reverse auction. Internet providers participating in the fund's first phase can bid on more than $16 billion in grants to establish broadband infrastructure in rural and underserved areas.

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