

From Nov. 1 to Dec. 31, Great Plains Communications will pay postage for a military goodie box for customers with a family member serving overseas in the military.

In order to have the cost-of-shipping covered, customers must visit the website at www.gpcom.com/troops and submit the qualifying address. Once on the site, customers will need to fill out the online registration form. They will then be sent a pre-paid postage stamp to place on their approved United States Postal Service goodie box.

Last year, customers submitted nearly 200 military troop addresses online for family members serving in the armed forces. Approved packaging for a military goodie box can be procured through the United States Postal Service.

"It is our pleasure to support military troops and their families given what they do for us day in and day out. We felt that this was a good way to give back to those so deserving," said Amy Moan, marketing and public relations manager of Great Plains Communications.

Great Plains Communications is the largest independent telecommunications company devoted to rural Nebraska. It offers residential services such as digital phone including local and long-distance calling, as well as high-definition cable television.

Broadband Internet is available in all Great Plains Communication's communities through DSL and cable modem facilities or its partnership with WildBlue Satellite Internet Services. The company also provides business services ranging from traditional voice and data products to the installation and support of large business networks.

Great Plains Communications was founded in 1910 by E.C. Hunt and is based in Blair, Neb. Almost half of the company's employees live and work in the rural towns where they provide service. It is now in its fourth generation of family ownership.