

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program
March 12, 2021**

Notice of Intent to Award (“NOIA”) Broadband Grant Funds:

Federal Funds Disclaimer: Awardees, in deciding whether to accept or reject this Award offer and enter into a Grant Agreement with the Office, are solely responsible for determining whether and to what extent receiving these funds for a Project may result in the forfeiture of or have an adverse impact on any related or overlapping federal award or opportunity, whether previously awarded or available in the future.

In accordance with the terms and conditions of the Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) #005, following the Office’s final agency decision regarding whether, to which projects, and in what amount(s) to make an award(s), the Office will notify each Applicant to which it has decided to make an Award by issuing a “**Notice of Intent Award**” (“NOIA”). Such NOIA shall be distributed by email to an Awardee’s Authorized Contact. The Office will also post all NOIA’s online at [Iowa Grants](#) and <http://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. Unsuccessful Applicants are solely responsible for reviewing such websites to determine their Award status. This NOIA serves the notice requirement, and has been distributed by the means prescribed by applicable law and [NOFA #005](#), as described above.

The Office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #005 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of NOFA #005, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications.

Project Awards

Control #	Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
394995	Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative	OCIO#5 Dorchester Fiber	\$4,584,200.45
396714	Alpine Communications	Alpine Communications Rural Clayton County ELKADER W NOFA #005	\$1,298,737.90
395899	BTC, Inc	Glenwood South	\$1,530,621.90
396047	Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative	Rural Wapello and Davis Counties Broadband Expansion	\$743,550.00
396486	IAMO Communications	College Springs East FTTP Project	\$1,089,150.00
397331	Kalona Cooperative Telephone	Rural Washington County	\$229,552.37
397832	LTD Broadband	LTD Broadband Grant Application - Area 2	\$181,568.25

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395852	Mediapolis Telephone Company	Rural Des Moines County Broadband Expansion	\$725,475.00
395403	Omnitel Communications	Rural Fremont and Mills Counties Broadband Expansion	\$241,139.69
395420	Omnitel Communications	Rural Madison and Warren Counties Broadband Expansion	\$884,026.84
395299	South Slope Cooperative	Phase 2 of Rural Iowa and Johnson Counties FTTP Project	\$140,500.00
396993	Spring Grove Communications	Spring Grove Communications - Hanover Township FTTP	\$592,279.60
395739	Stratford Mutual Telephone	Central Iowa Broadband Expansion	\$1,521,075.00
397325	USA Communications	North Iowa River Corridor Broadband Expansion	\$1,690,425.00
		TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT:	\$15,452,302.00

This NOIA is contingent upon the successful execution of a Grant Agreement and, as a result, does NOT constitute the formation of a contract between the State and any successful Applicant. Awardees shall not acquire any legal or equitable rights relative to the Award of grant funds until a Grant Agreement has been executed. If a successful Applicant fails to negotiate/execute a Grant Agreement with the State for any reason, the State, in its sole discretion, may cancel or otherwise modify this NOIA accordingly. The State further reserves the right to cancel this Award, in whole or in part, at any time prior to the execution of a written Grant Agreement with a given Applicant. As noted below, adversely affected Applicants have five (5) days to appeal this Award decision by requesting a contested case proceeding, which contested case proceeding shall be treated as and follow the procedures, requirements, and limitations generally governing vendor appeals before the Office in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—11. Following the expiration of that five (5) day appeal period, the Office will transmit a Grant Agreement to successful Applicants for execution. **Applicants will then have ten (10) working days from the date of receipt of the Grant Agreement to negotiate and sign a final Grant Agreement with the Office.** If a Grant Agreement has not been executed within ten (10) working days of an Applicant's receipt thereof, the Office may, in its sole discretion, cancel the Award and begin negotiations with another Applicant, as deemed appropriate by the Office. The Office may, in its sole discretion, extend the time period for negotiations of a Grant Agreement.

From the date and time of the transmission and posting of this NOIA, adversely affected Applicants will have five (5) days to appeal this Award decision(s) by requesting a contested case proceeding, which contested case proceeding shall be treated as and follow the procedures, requirements, and limitations generally governing vendor appeals before the Office in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—11. Failure to challenge the Office's decision within the five (5) day period shall waive any other claims an Applicant may have as it relates to the Office's administration of the process and otherwise be deemed a failure to exhaust administrative remedies. Applicants may appeal an adverse decision only for a timely submitted Application. Appeals must clearly and fully identify all issues being contested and demonstrate what requirements or procedures of or in applicable law, rule, or the NOFA were not followed or were violated. In the event of an appeal, the Office will continue working with other successful Applicants pending the outcome of the appeal.