

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)  
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program  
December 23, 2020**

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”) #004 and Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4), 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 #004](#), as described above.

The Office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #004 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of Iowa Code chapter 8B, Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22, and NOFA #004, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications.

**Project Awards**

Control #	Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
385587	Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, Inc.	Rural North Waukon	\$50,921.50
384726	Alpine Communications, LC	Alpine Communications Rural Clayton County Nov 2020 NOFA #004	\$387,031.41 <sup>1</sup>
385419	BTC, Inc.	Proposed Fiber Optic Overbuild Rural Mills County Northwest of Glenwood	\$457,725.18
385891	Corn Belt Telephone Company, Inc.	Proposed Rural Sac County Fiber Project	\$626,914.75
385817	Farmers Cooperative Telephone Company	FCTC NOFA #4	\$95,192.28 <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The award amount for Application 384726 is reduced to account for prior incentives for overlapping Census Blocks in this project area.

<sup>2</sup> The award amount for Application 385817 is based on a revised project area resulting from the Office’s Final Agency Decision for the Broadband Availability Map - Version 3 Challenge. This award is not based on Exhibit B’s proposed total project area.

385706	Farmers Mutual Telephone Company	Rural Red Oak Iowa Fiber to the Premises Build	\$526,880.89 <sup>3</sup>
384021	Guthrie Telecommunications Network, Inc.	Guthrie County Broadband Expansion	\$83,300.00
385687	Kalona Cooperative Telephone Co	Riverside to Washington	\$1,948,880.88
385469	Lehigh Valley Coop Telephone Association	Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion	\$136,237.50
385898	Manning Municipal Utilities	OCIO Broadband Grants Program NOFA #004	\$114,430.40
384269	Marne & Elk Horn Telephone Company	MEH NOFA#004 REQUEST	\$75,145.70
386165	Miles Communications LLC	Clinton County Expansion Phase II	\$263,589.51
385073	South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company	Rural Johnson and Iowa Counties Broadband Expansion	\$183,750.00
<b>Total Projects Award Amount:</b>			<b>\$4,950,000.00</b>

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 ten (10) days to appeal this Award decision by requesting a contested case proceeding in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4) and 129—6. Following the expiration of that ten (10) day appeal period, the Office will transmit a Grant Agreement to successful Applicants for execution. Per section 1.7.8.1. of the NOFA, **Applicants will then have thirty (30) 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 thirty (30) 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 ten (10) days to appeal this Award decision(s) by requesting a contested case proceeding in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22.5(4) and 129—6. Failure to challenge the Office’s decision within the ten (10) 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.

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<sup>3</sup> The award amount for Application 385706 is reduced in accordance with NOFA #004 sections 1.6.4.7 and 1.6.4.9.