

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa
November 27, 2019**

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 State 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”) #002 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” or “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 that function, and has been distributed by those means.

The Office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #002 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of Iowa Code chapter 8B, Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129—22, and NOFA #002, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications:

Control #	Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
331816	Ringtel Communications	General Manager	\$478,025.75
330915	Heartland Telecommunications Company of Iowa	Rural Akron & Hawarden	\$681,520.04
329573	Omnitel Communications	FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project	\$50,958.00
329851	Danville Mutual Telephone Company	Danville Mutual Telephone Company FTTH Project	\$414,832.50
329932	Citizen’s Mutual Telephone Cooperative	Mark Drakesville Exchange Completion FTTH Project	\$512,400.00
330092	Westside Independent Telephone Company	Proposed Arcadia Area Rural Fiber Optic Construction Project	\$306,452.58
329457	Omnitel Communications	Oakland FTTH Broadband Expansion Project	\$722,455.00
331564	Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative	MVLink Fiber Build	\$226,675.06
331016	Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association	Ledyard and NE Northwood Grant	\$168,268.10

330912	BTC Inc.	Proposed Fiber Optic Overbuild of the Cedar Hills Housing Subdivision Near Malvern, Iowa	\$16,769.04
331023	Western Iowa Wireless	Deployment of Broadband infrastructure to reduce digital divide and bridge broadband needs	\$1,016,082.00
331625	Mediacom	Kossuth County	\$46,191.48
328690	Sully Telephone	South Rural FTTH Project	\$74,717.92
328905	Searsboro Telephone Company	Lynnville Telephone Company 2020 FTTH Project	\$33,712.65
329676	Mediacom	Keokuk	\$88,519.59
329675	Mediacom	Crawford	\$62,207.71
332015	Sharon Telephone Company	Over Build Riverside	\$100,212.58
Total Award Amount:			\$5,000,000.00

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 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. **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.