

**OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER OF THE STATE OF IOWA (“OFFICE”)  
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program  
August 21, 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”) #003, 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 #003](#), as described above.

The Office has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #003 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of NOFA #003, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications. The details below have been divided between Infrastructure and Adoption Projects. **APPLICANTS WITH BOTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND ADOPTION PROJECT COMPONENTS SHOULD REFER TO BOTH TABLES BELOW TO DETERMINE THEIR TOTAL AWARD AMOUNT.**

**Infrastructure Project Awards**

| <b>Control #</b> | <b>Applicant Name</b>                                      | <b>Application Title</b>   | <b>Award Amount</b> |
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| 367282           | Harmony Telephone Company                                  | Harmony Telephone Howard-Winneshiek Infrastructure   | \$714,083.31        |
| 366869           | Premier Communications, Inc.                               | Premier - George & Orange City (Rural)   | \$3,883,250.00      |
| 368079           | East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative                        | Emergency Broadband Grant Application for Winthrop and Quasqueton Iowa Rural Service Areas | \$2,268,235.76      |
| 367814           | Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Moulton IA | Farmers Mutual Fiber Expansion Project   | \$255,149.07        |
| 367535           | Alpine Communications, LC                                  | Alpine Communications Rural Clayton County Aug 2020  | \$2,899,978.39      |
| 367572           | Omnitel Communications, INC.                               | OmniTel FTTH   | \$58,900.00         |

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| 367104 | La Motte Telephone Company                         | Fiber build to 216th Street and Bellevue Cascade Road<br>Bellevue Iowa                              | \$94,480.92    |
| 367980 | Kalona Cooperative Telephone Co                    | Washington Route Extension  | \$282,827.05   |
| 367634 | Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association      | Grand Mound Cooperative Telephone Association's Fixed<br>Wireless Rural Broadband Expansion Project | \$233,261.86   |
| 368235 | Massena Telephone Company, Inc.                    | Rural Wiota and Rural Atlantic FTTH buildout  | \$473,363.04   |
| 367653 | Dumont Telephone Company                           | Geneva West to Hwy 65   | \$145,914.50   |
| 367908 | Sharon Telephone Company                           | Fiber Build for Rural Riverside Iowa  | \$182,154.79   |
| 367301 | Sully Telephone Association, Inc.                  | SULLY TELEPHONE SE RURAL FTTH PROJECT   | \$248,031.43   |
| 367309 | Danville Mutual Telephone Company                  | Danville FTTP Project   | \$3,389,620.03 |
| 367371 | Lehigh Valley Cooperative Telephone Association    | Otho Town FTTH Project  | \$819,750.00   |
| 368298 | coon valley cooperative telephone association inc. | Greenfield Fixed Wireless Tower   | \$33,175.00    |
| 368407 | Osage Municipal Utilities                          | Mitchell Iowa Fiber Project   | \$314,240.23   |
| 367817 | Lockridge Networks                                 | Lucas County Broadband Expansion  | \$112,878.88   |
| 368263 | coon valley cooperative telephone association inc. | Zion fixed wireless tower   | \$27,545.00    |
| 367902 | Miles Communications LLC                           | Clinton County Expansion  | \$458,452.97   |
| 367596 | OmniTel Communications, INC.                       | Interstate Cablevision FTTH   | \$124,160.00   |
| 367583 | Reinbeck Telecommunications Utility                | Connect To Learn Program  | \$51,400.00    |
| 367218 | Cloudburst9 LLC                                    | West Chester, Iowa 365549-Empower Rural Iowa<br>Emergency Broadband Expansion Program (NOFA #003)   | \$74,945.73    |
| 367925 | United States Cellular Corporation                 | USCC Network Modernization  | \$5,212,278.84 |
| 366854 | Huxley Communications Cooperative                  | Huxley Communications Cooperative OCIO CARES Act<br>FTTH Broadband Project                          | \$234,241.65   |
| 367969 | Mediacom LLC                                       | Schaller - Mediacom LLC   | \$355,485.83   |
| 367725 | Northwest Communications Cooperative Association   | FTTH Northwest West Project   | \$159,531.00   |
| 368005 | Mediacom LLC                                       | Otho - Mediacom LLC   | \$27,307.47    |
| 368019 | Mediacom LLC                                       | Cushing - Mediacom LLC  | \$134,200.57   |
| 368026 | Mediacom LLC                                       | Meservey - Mediacom LLC   | \$221,395.93   |
| 368074 | Northeast Iowa Telephone Company                   | Rural Luana and Postville Fiber to the Home Expansion   | \$170,440.30   |
| 366512 | Sully Telephone Association, Inc.                  | HIGHWAY 163 CORRIDOR WIRELESS PROJECT   | \$199,352.82   |
| 367965 | West Iowa Telephone Company                        | Rural Anita Fiber Build Out   | \$1,084,652.58 |
| 367166 | BTC, Inc.  | Rural Glenwood Area FTTP Overbuild Project  | \$1,955,565.80 |

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| 368398   | Long Lines                                       | Enable Rural Digital Lifestyle 2020  | \$697,574.35           |
| 366995   | South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company        | Solon Rural Build  | \$1,143,550.00         |
| 367904   | Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company           | Cottage Ave Broadband  | \$107,850.00           |
| 367823   | ImOn Communications, LLC                         | ImOn Application - Lakeside  | \$280,030.37           |
| 367061   | Searsboro Telephone Company                      | Killduff Telephone Company FTTH 2020 out side of service area                    | \$112,594.44           |
| 367674   | Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative, Inc.     | Phase 1 Waukon Fiber   | \$534,461.27           |
| 367228   | Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association        | Infrastructure Broadband Grant for Manly, Ledyard, and Northwood Areas           | \$801,670.50           |
| 368388   | Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association       | Aredale, Bristow, and Dougherty Fiber to the Home Deployment                     | \$1,515,428.01         |
| 366262   | Sully Telephone Association, Inc.                | SULLY TELEPHONE - ASHBY ACRES FTTH PROJECT                                       | \$48,195.00            |
| 368295   | Interstate Telcom Consulting, Inc                | Martelle Communications  | \$162,009.84           |
| 367841   | Guthrie Telecommunications Network, Inc          | Infrastructure build   | \$27,560.35            |
| 368287   | Router12 Networks LLC                            | Aredale Broadband Expansion  | \$21,337.44            |
| 366848   | Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company     | Broadband Access Shelby and Harrison County                                      | \$125,387.60           |
| 367778   | Router12 Networks LLC                            | Swaledale and Meservey Expansion   | \$69,666.09            |
| 367813   | Dunkerton Telephone Cooperative                  | Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program (NOFA #003)             | \$126,313.12           |
| 368339   | Colo Telephone                                   | Colo Telephone 2020 CARES Act Project Grant                                      | \$153,397.48           |
| 368406   | Night Owl Wireless, LLC                          | Tri-County Expansion   | \$417,050.00           |
| 368167   | River Valley Telecommunications Coop             | Providing infrastructure for better and more reliable broadband where requested. | \$85,364.30            |
| 367201   | Heart of Iowa Ventures, LLC                      | Broadband Grant Application (NOFA #003) for Heart of Ventures, LLC               | \$121,844.55           |
| 368361   | Northwest Communications Cooperative Association | FTTH Northwest White Project   | \$145,212.00           |
| 367971   | Woolstock Mutual Telephone Association           | Broadband Grant  | \$27,570.26            |
| 367737   | Bits of Technology Wireless Internet LLC         | Application for CARES Act Broadband Funds  | \$5,887.41             |
| <b>Total Infrastructure Projects Award Amount:</b> |  |  | <b>\$33,630,205.12</b> |

**Adoption Projects**

| <b>Control #</b>                             | <b>Applicant Name</b>                                 | <b>Application Title</b>   | <b>Award Amount</b>   |
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| 367228                                       | Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association             | Infrastructure Broadband Grant for Manly, Ledyard, and Northwood Areas                     | \$869,500.00          |
| 367416                                       | ImOn Communications, LLC                              | ImOn Application - Adoption  | \$318,500.00          |
| 367423                                       | OmniTel Communications, INC.                          | OmniTel Communications Rural Broadband Adoption Project                                    | \$175,000.00          |
| 367486                                       | Cooperative Telephone Exchange                        | Broadband Adoption Program in Webster City and South Hamilton School Districts             | \$66,500.00           |
| 367585                                       | OmniTel Communications, INC.                          | Interstate Cablevision Rural Broadband Adoption Project                                    | \$87,500.00           |
| 367619                                       | Vinton Municipal Communications Utility (dba iVinton) | Connect to Learn Program   | \$110,000.00          |
| 367749                                       | Spring Grove Communications                           | Spring Grove Communications Broadband Adoption   | \$19,500.00           |
| 367771                                       | MiBroadband LLC                                       | MiBroadband Broadband Adoption Project   | \$55,000.00           |
| 367926                                       | Panora Communications Cooperative                     | 25/3 adoption application  | \$27,500.00           |
| 368077                                       | Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation              | Grand River Mutual Telephone Corporation Federal CARES Broadband Adoption Project          | \$104,000.00          |
| 368079                                       | East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative                   | Emergency Broadband Grant Application for Winthrop and Quasqueton Iowa Rural Service Areas | \$38,000.00           |
| 368117                                       | South Central Communications, Inc.                    | South Central Communications, Inc. Federal CARES Broadband Adoption Project                | \$40,000.00           |
| 368355                                       | Minburn Telephone Company                             | Minburn Telephone Company Adoption Program   | \$59,500.00           |
| 368371                                       | Minburn Telecommunications, Inc                       | Minburn Telecommunications, Inc. Adoption Program  | \$70,000.00           |
| 368388                                       | Rockwell Cooperative Telephone Association            | Aredale, Bristow, and Dougherty Fiber to the Home Deployment                               | \$205,500.00          |
| <b>Total Adoption Projects Award Amount:</b> |   |  | <b>\$2,246,000.00</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 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.