

DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT (“DOM” or “Agency”)
Broadband Grants Program—Empower Rural Iowa, NOFA #008
October 30, 2023

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 Agency, 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 #008 (“NOFA”), following the Agency’s final agency decision regarding whether, to which projects, and in what amount(s) to make an award(s), the Agency is responsible for notifying Applicants of NOFA award decisions by issuing a NOIA. This NOIA is being distributed by email to each Awardee’s Authorized Contact and will be posted online at [Iowa Grants](#) and <http://ocio.iowa.gov/broadband>. Unsuccessful Applicants are solely responsible for reviewing the website to determine their Award status.

The Agency has reviewed, evaluated, and scored the Applications received in response to NOFA #008 in accordance with the requirements, terms, and conditions of NOFA #008, and through this NOIA hereby Awards the following amounts to the following Applicants/Applications. Note: Partial awards, wherever made under this NOIA, are denoted using the following footnotes as applicable:

¹ Awards identified with a superscript 1 indicate a reduced Award amount due to Broadband Serviceable Location(s) (BSL) that intersect with an ILEC’s accepted Enhanced A-CAM offer, making the BSL(s) ineligible for NOFA #008 funding. The reduction in the Award amount is commensurate with the removal of the impacted BSL(s). **The revised project area will be transmitted to Awardee prior to transmission of the grant agreement.**

² Awards identified with a superscript 2 indicate a reduced Award amount due to BSL(s) overlap with a higher-ranking application. The reduction in the Award amount is commensurate with the removal of overlapping BSL(s). **The revised project area will be transmitted to Awardee prior to transmission of the grant agreement.**

³ Awards identified with a superscript 3 indicate a reduced Award amount due to successful Project Location Challenge(s) to BSL(s) within the award area. The reduction in the Award amount is commensurate with the removal of successfully challenged BSL(s). **The revised project area will be transmitted to Awardee prior to transmission of the grant agreement.**

⁴ Awards identified with a superscript 4 indicate that an amount less than the funds requested by a particular Applicant was awarded commensurate with the remaining funds following the issuance of all other Awards, consistent with NOFA #008, section 1.6.5.2.

Project Awards

Control #	Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
523319	Alpine Communications, LC	ClayFay 57/47/53	\$1,967,960.31
527855	AMG Technology Investment Group, LLC dba Nextlink Internet	AMG Technology_BIZ 60	\$892,890.99 ³
526966	BTC, Inc.	BTC Inc - Carroll Denison Vail Areas	\$262,358.37
526965	BTC, Inc.	BTC Inc. - Schleswig	\$1,027,069.58
524794	Casey Mutual Telephone Co	Casey Mutual BIZ2-4 Fiber Project	\$4,798,582.22 ²
526946	Cedar Communications	Fiber Project - NOFA 8	\$3,256,299.10 ^{1,3}
523273	Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative	Citizens Mutual Telephone Cooperative NOFA 8	\$20,466,396.77 ¹
525289	Colo Telephone	Colo Telephone NOFA8	\$2,506,676.89 ³
525831	Coon Valley Cooperative Telephone Association Inc.	Broadband Intervention Zone #42	\$2,261,235.24
527220	Dumont Telephone Company	Stout - BIZ 7	\$508,072.37
527137	Dunkerton Telephone Cooperative	Dunkerton NOFA #008	\$211,406.93 ²
527173	East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative	Buchanan-Delaware County Line	\$309,013.78 ²
527172	East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative	Walker-Rowley Rural	\$937,655.24 ²
527155	East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative	SE Independence	\$223,652.09
527767	Evertex	Schleswig Fiber	\$347,573.68 ^{1,2}
527030	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company of Moulton IA	Appanoose County FTTH Expansion	\$6,864,355.34
527043	Harmony Telephone Company	North Howard County FTTP (BIZ 64)	\$4,590,149.38 ⁴
526721	Hawkeye Interconnect Company	NOFA 008 1 Gbps And Beyond Fiber-to-the- Home (FTTH) Expansion	\$5,389,058.42
524409	Interstate Cablevision, LLC	Interstate Cablevision FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion - NOFA #8	\$3,988,276.02 ²
526985	Jefferson Telephone Company	512252-Empower Rural Iowa-NOFA #008	\$2,254,717.44
526451	Kalona Cooperative Telephone Co	HENRY COUNTY	\$3,120,782.33
526127	La Porte City Telephone Company	LPC NW - 506545	\$4,578,021.27
527531	Lockridge Networks	NOFA008 Rural South Central Iowa FTTH	\$1,526,731.82 ²
525844	Long Lines	Salix, Sloan and Albaton	\$4,138,479.51
525551	Mediacom LLC	NOFA008 - Mediacom	\$19,162,799.31 ^{2,3}
527327	Mediapolis Telephone Company	MTC NOFA #008 Project	\$17,280,882.33 ¹
527416	Mi-Fiber, LLC	MIF_NOFA008	\$2,666,804.13 ³

525980	Midwest Data Center	MDC Zone 40 Fiber Project	\$3,526,432.73
524149	Minburn Telephone Company	Minburn Telephone Company Rural Broadband Expansion Supporting the City of Dallas Center	\$1,994,072.65
527445	Panora Communications Cooperative	Panora Fiber's Central Iowa NOFA 8 Project #3	\$5,736,431.55
524398	Panora Communications Cooperative	Panora Fiber's Central Iowa NOFA 8 Project #1	\$1,181,143.50
527482	Panora Communications Cooperative	Panora Fiber's Central Iowa NOFA 8 Project #4	\$959,900.62
525226	Prairieburg Telephone Company, Inc	Walker and Northeast Monti	\$2,441,026.52 ³
524928	Premier Communications, Inc.	NOFA 008 - BIZ 31 Application	\$3,796,722.13 ³
524522	Sharon Telephone Company	Sharon Telephone BIZ 10 and 82 NOFA #8	\$1,842,400.00
527513	The Wyoming Mutual Telephone Company	NOFA #8 - BIZ 38	\$5,925,738.92 ^{1,3}
524505	Webster-Calhoun Cooperative Telephone Association	Rural Webster County Broadband Expansion	\$1,329,294.09 ³
526917	Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association	Wellman Cooperative Telephone Association	\$2,698,551.00
527466	West Liberty Telephone Company	BIZ #5 NOFA 8 Liberty Communications	\$1,990,455.46

The following applicants are considered “Reserve Awardees.” Reserve Awardees are those whose Applications were not awarded above due to complete overlap by a higher-ranking Applicant. The Agency may offer an Award to a Reserve Awardee where a higher-ranking awarded Applicant declines an award that had impacted overlapping Eligible Service Locations in the Reserve Awardee’s Application.

Control #	Reserve Applicant Name	Application Title	Award Amount
525911	Cascade Communications Company	Cascade Comm Rural FTTH Expansion	\$0.00
527110	Little Wapsie Communications	ITQ 19 - Rural Sumner	\$0.00
526936	Prairieburg Telephone Company, Inc	Rural Monticello	\$0.00
527395	South Central Communications, Inc.	SCC_NOFA008	\$0.00

The following applicants are considered “Contingent Awardees.” Contingent Awardees are those whose Applications were not awarded due to a lower score than those awarded in the NOIA above. The Agency may offer an Award to a Contingent Awardee in the following rank order, ranked highest score first to lowest score last, should funds become available.

Control #	Contingent Applicant Name	Application Title
526659	Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative	Maquoketa Valley Electric Cooperative
526791	Kalona Cooperative Telephone Co	Louisa County
525981	Midwest Data Center	MDC Zone 60 Fiber Project
523453	Mahaska Communication Group/MCG	Mahaska County Broadband Intervention
527798	Everttek	Ida Grove Fiber
526576	Harmony Telephone Company	Central Howard County FTTP (BIZ 68, 88, 91)
525806	Long Lines	Whiting and West Onawa
526706	WTC Communications, Inc.	WTC Communications Rural Fiber II Project
527549	Board of Water, Electric, and Communications Trustees of the City of Muscatine Iowa	MPW Rural Fiber #3
527033	Harmony Telephone Company	South Leroy FTTP (BIZ 89)
526792	Cloudburst9 LLC	Washington County
527194	Butler-Bremer Mutual Telephone Company	Chickasaw County - Rural Nashua
525530	Farmers Mutual Cooperative Telephone Company	NOFA 8 ITQ 59 Dunlap Area
526906	Western Iowa Telephone Association	WiaTel NOFA #008 Application
526514	Panora Communications Cooperative	Panora Fiber's Central Iowa NOFA 8 Project #2

This NOIA is contingent on 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 the given Applicant. The Agency may increase an Award where a higher-ranking Applicant declines an award that had impacted a lower-ranking Applicant.

Adversely affected Applicants have five (5) days to submit a notice of intent to appeal this Award decision in accordance with Iowa Administrative Code chapter 129-11.3(1). Applicants may appeal an adverse decision only for a timely submitted Application. Appeals may clearly and fully identify all issues being contested and demonstrate what requirements or procedures in Applicable Law, rule, or the NOFA were violated. In the event of an appeal, the Agency will continue working with other successful Applicants pending the outcome of the appeal.