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Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #002) - Application #328904

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To: dhl@netins.net

Dear Mr Long,

Thank you for submitting a grant application to the State of Iowa Broadband Grants Program - Empower Rural Iowa Initiative (NOFA #002). The Office of the Chief Information Officer requests the following clarifications concerning your application (#328904 - Searsboro Telephone Company 2020 FTTH Project):

1. In your Core Application Exhibit B (Prospective Product Attributes), you provided a Hop Count of 2. In NOFA #002, Section 3.1.6.4, Hop Count is defined as "The estimated number of intermediate devices through which data must pass between the originating source and ultimate destination upon Project Completion." Hop Count is traditionally measured through the use of a trace route command executed from a client/end user workstation that measures the number of hops between the client workstation and the destination server (www.iowa.gov). Please confirm the estimated Hop Count for the network you have proposed in your project Application.
2. In your Core Application Exhibit B (Prospective Product Attributes), you provided a Latency of <100. In NOFA #002, Section 3.1.6.2, Latency is defined as "The average time it is estimated to take, expressed in milliseconds, for data to travel from the customer edge router ingress/egress point to the router specified by and as measured by the Internet Speed Test Tool [See <http://iowa.speedtestcustom.com>], upon Project Completion." Additionally, your answer was framed in the form of a range. We request a specific estimate (e.g. 40 ms) with no greater or less than signs. Please confirm the estimated latency for the network you have proposed in your project application.

Please provide the above requested clarifications by **Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 5:00 PM CST**. Please email your response to ociogrants@iowa.gov.

Please let us know if you have any questions about this request for clarification.

Sincerely,

Office of the Chief Information Officer
State of Iowa