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## Application

### 324138 - Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa - NOFA #002

329573 - FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area Broadband Grant Program - Empower  
of Interest\* Rural Iowa

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Agency

### Organization Information

Organization Name\*: Omnitel Communications, INC.

Organization Type\*: For-Profit – Privately Held

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Benefactor  
Vendor  
Number

## Cover Sheet-General Information

### Authorized Official

Name\* Josh Hveem

Title\* Chief Operating Officer

Organization\* FMTC-I35, Inc. d/b/a OmniTel Communications  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Address\* 608 E Congress

City/State/Zip\* Nora Springs Iowa 50458  
City State Zip

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**Fiscal Officer / Agent**

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

<b>Name*</b>	Josh Hveem		
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<b>County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal*</b>	Madison County, Warren County		
<b>Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*</b>	3rd - Rep Cindy Axne (D) <small>Congressional Map</small>		
<b>Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*</b>	13, 21 <small>District Map</small>		
<b>Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal*</b>	25, 26 <small>District Map</small>		

**Business Organization - NOFA #002**

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**Business Legal Name\*** FMTC-I35, Inc. d/b/a OmniTel Communications

**Mailing Address**

**Street \*** 105 N West St  
**City\*** Truro  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip\*** 50257

**Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)**

**Alternate Street** 608 E Congress  
**Alternate City** Nora Springs  
**Alternate State** IA  
**Alternate Zip** 50458

**Additional Information**

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\* FMTC-I35 Applicant Business Organization Information.pdf

**Public Redacted**  
**Broadband Additional**

**Information**

Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.

**Communication Service Provider\*** Yes

## Executive Project Summary NOFA #002

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This section requires an Applicant to summarize, at a high level, its proposed Project, including but not limited to the geographic area in which the Project will occur, the primary deployment model (e.g., wireline versus wireless), and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of Iowa Code section 8B.11, Iowa Administrative Code rule 129—22, and this NOFA #002.

**Executive Project Summary\*** FMTC-I35 Executive Summary.pdf

The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not State funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.

**Are State Funds Necessary for the Project to proceed?\*** Yes

This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.

**Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.\*** OmniTel determined the total eligible infrastructure costs to be \$339,720 for the FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project. OmniTel's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband grant request is 15%, \$50,958, of the total eligible infrastructure costs in the proposed area, with 85% being self-funded by OmniTel. OmniTel is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within Madison and Warren Counties. Access to high-speed broadband service should be available to every resident in these counties regardless of whether they live in town or out in the rural areas. After reviewing the financial feasibility of the project, the locations included in OmniTel's application would be too costly to build without funding assistance. Due to the rural nature and relatively low population density, this project would be difficult to justify without the financial assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grants Program. Therefore, the proposed FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project will likely not move forward as presented without grant assistance.

This section requires an Applicant to provide and estimated project completion date.

**Estimated Project Completion Date\*** 12/31/2022

This section requires the Applicant to explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced.

**Project Status\*** The FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project is currently in the planning phase.

## Demonstrated Experience - NOFA #002

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This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #002; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #002; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

**Demonstrated Experience\*** FMTC-I35 Demonstrated Experience.pdf

## References

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Name	4 of 6	Carla & Dick Burhans
Telephone Number		515-240-3951, 515-240-3953
Reference Letter #1		Burhans Reference Letter.pdf
Name		Joel Nickerson
Telephone Number		641-713-2345
Reference Letter #2		Nickerson Reference Letter.pdf
Name		Luke Weiss
Telephone Number		800-247-7014
Reference Letter #3		Weiss Reference Letter.pdf

## Minority Impact Statement

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### Question # 1

1. The proposed grant programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique POSITIVE IMPACT on minority persons. \*

No

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

### Question # 2

2. The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique NEGATIVE IMPACT on minority persons. \*

No

If YES, describe the negative impact expected from this project.

If YES, present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

If YES, provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.

### Question # 3

3. The proposed

Yes

grant project  
programs or policies  
are NOT EXPECTED  
TO HAVE A  
DISPROPORTIONATE  
OR UNIQUE IMPACT  
on minority persons.  
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If YES, present the  
rationale for  
determining no  
impact.

OmniTel determined the project to have no expected disproportionate or unique impact by analyzing data presented in the 2018 American Community Survey. The populations of Warren and Madison Counties were 51,056 and 16,249, respectively. 96.6% of individuals in Warren County are reported to be White and 97% of individuals in Madison County are reported to be White. Therefore, OmniTel does not expect the FMTC-I35, Inc. FTTH Rural Broadband Expansion Project to have a disproportionate or unique impact on minority persons.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that  
the information on  
this form is complete  
and accurate, to the  
best of my  
knowledge.\*

Yes

Name of Person  
Submitting  
Certification.\*

Josh Hveem

Title of Person  
Submitting  
Certification\*

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### Broadband Grants Core Application - Exhibits B, C, D, and D.1

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*Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 1.25 of the NOFA #002.*

**DISCLAIMER:** An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 1.25.1.5 of the NOFA #002, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 1.25.4 of the NOFA #002.

**NOTE:** Applicants are ONLY required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the NOFA #002, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding fair information practices rules available at 129 IAC 2.

**Full Unredacted Copy\*** FMTC-I35 Broadband\_Grants\_Core\_Application-v02.19.04.xlsm

#### Public Redacted Copy

*This section allows the Applicant to optionally attach three (3) community support documents for the Project, including but not limited to testimonials or letters of support. Please send any additional community support documents to ociogrants@iowa.gov*

**Community Support  
Document 1** FMTC-I35 Community Support 1.pdf

**Community Support  
Document 2** FMTC-I35 Community Support 2.pdf

**Community Support  
Document 3**

### Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

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**Exceptions to Broadband  
Grants Program Grant  
Agreement\*** FMTC-I35 Exhibit E.pdf

***Certification Letter - Exhibit F***

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**Certification Letter  
(Public)\***

FMTC-I35 Certification 9.20.19.pdf

***Authorization To Release Information - Exhibit G***

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**Authorization to Release  
Information (Public)\***

FMTC-I35 - Exhibit G.pdf

***Form 22 - Exhibit H***

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**Form 22 (Public)\***

FMTC I35 - Exhibit H.pdf

***Application Checklist - Exhibit I***

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**Application Checklist  
(Public)\***

FMTC-I35 Exhibit I.pdf