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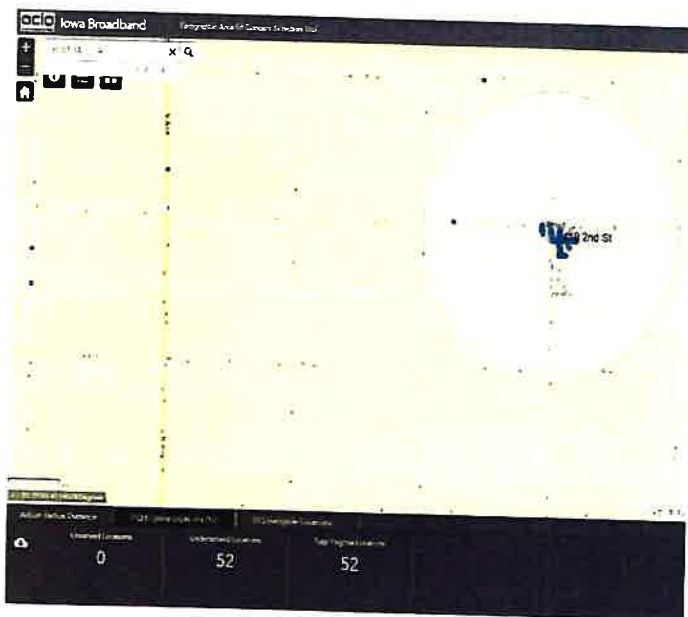
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To the Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer:

The City of Stout is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The City of Stout, in association with local organizations including Dumont Telephone Company and Iowa Northland Regional Council of Government (INRCOG), has identified a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around the community of Stout in Grundy County. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is currently served by no wireline providers and two wireless providers that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity.

The prospective Intervention Zone would bring needed broadband connectivity to 52 currently under-served homes and businesses in the area as further represented by the diagram below. Unfortunately, no providers have shown any willingness to bring proper connectivity to our community.



Robust broadband is critical to this community's continued economic growth, and to ensure local citizens have access to essential infrastructure required for work, education, and health monitoring of current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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