



March 28, 2023

To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

Region XII Council of Governments is submitting an application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone to qualify parts of Guthrie County and the Cities of Bayard and Bagley to identify a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

Expanded broadband will assist area residents thru higher broadband speeds and reliable access to internet services.

Guthrie County Secondary Roads will assist local underground contractors in the future installation of fiber optic lines by windrowing gravel/rock materials from the edge of the secondary routes for easier access to plow, bore, and install fiber lines. The value of this work is estimated to be \$2,450 per mile (estimated 10 miles - \$24,500) depending upon the future identified routes and specific areas to be served.

It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate the portion of Guthrie County as a geographic area of concern / Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

Sincerely,

A blue ink handwritten signature, appearing to read "Josh Sebern", is written over a horizontal line.

Josh Sebern, P.E.  
Guthrie County Engineer