



Cover Letter

March 30th, 2023
Office of the Chief Information Officer
Re: 'Invitation to Qualify – Louisa County, IA'

Louisa County has submitted four ITQ applications. Each application represents a quadrant of the county: North East, North West, South East, and South West.

Both Louisa Development Group and Louisa County have worked closely with Internet Service Providers to encourage broadband related projects in the county. Currently, much of the county is served through wireless towers. Due to geographic obstacles and line of sight issues, internet access can be unreliable, slow, or non-existent in many areas of Louisa County.

A lack of access to high-speed reliable internet is a problem felt by businesses and residents alike. Programmatic funding through the State of Iowa and the OCIO would be immensely impactful to the area. Currently, internet service providers are at a standstill in our area due to a low return on investment. Future funding could tip the scale and make projects financially feasible.

Thank you for your support and commitment to connecting Iowa.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cole Smith".

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