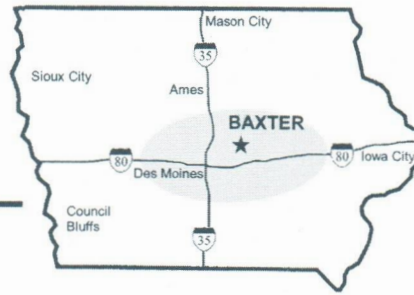


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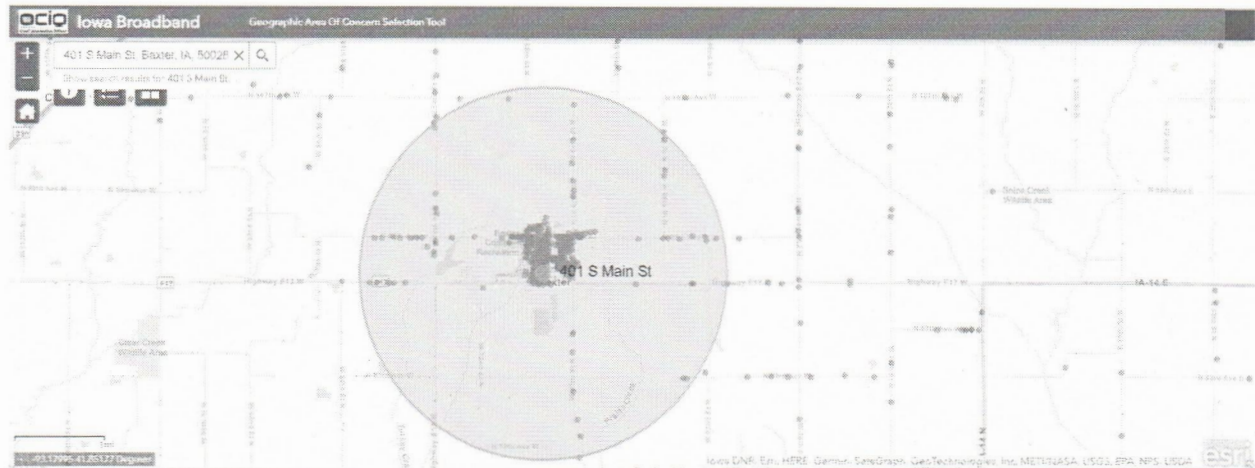
TO: Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Broadband Intervention Zone

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

Baxter, Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. Baxter, in association with Partner Communications Cooperative, Jasper County Economic Development Corporation, and the Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance we have identified our community area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability using the mapping tool provided by the OCIO.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around the community of Baxter in Jasper County. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map, this area is currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity. The prospective Intervention Zone would bring needed broadband connectivity to 277 currently underserved homes and businesses in the area as further represented by the diagram below:



Robust broadband is critical to our Counties continued economic growth, and to ensure residents have access to essential infrastructure required for health, safety, and education of current and future generations.

Respectfully,

Bryan DeJong
Mayor, City of Baxter

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