

### **Community Broadband Capital – SE of Independence ITQ**

The Buchanan County Board of Supervisors has committed labor from road graders as a public-private partnership for this project. The road graders will move rock and gravel from the shoulder of the road prior to construction. This assists the fiber construction crew by allowing the locate paint to be placed directly on the soil previously covered by rock/gravel. Therefore there is less chance of interruption of existing utility services.

Once fiber construction is completed, the road graders will again move the rock and gravel to the original location and over the construction path, which saves the county revenue instead of the need to purchase and place new rock and gravel on the shoulder of the roads involved within the construction project.

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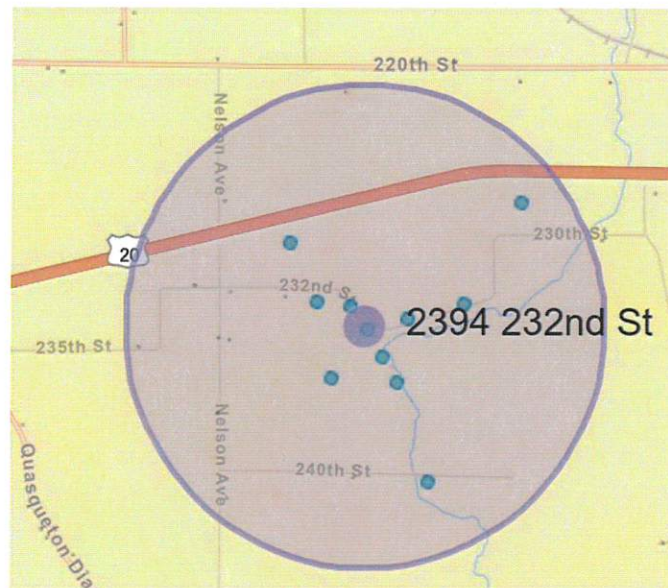
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To the Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa:

The Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The BCEDC, representing local businesses and residents all across Buchanan County Iowa, has collaborated with East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative to identify a specific area of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

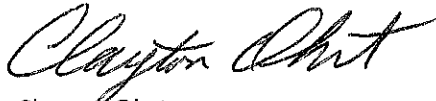
As such, the BCEDC is proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area **southeast of Independence in central Buchanan County**. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, this area is currently served by broadband providers with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity. Please see the map below:



As the Buchanan County Board of Supervisors, it is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate this area in Buchanan County as a geographic area of concern / Broadband Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program. Buchanan County shall in its kind support coordinate with the contractor to make modification of the road to cause the least amount of damage and restore the road at the time of completion.

We fully support this effort to bring more reliable broadband to our rural areas to support economic development for businesses, and to further facilitate endeavors for remote work, remote studying, and for remote healthcare.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clayton Ohrt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Clayton" being more prominent than the last name "Ohrt".

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