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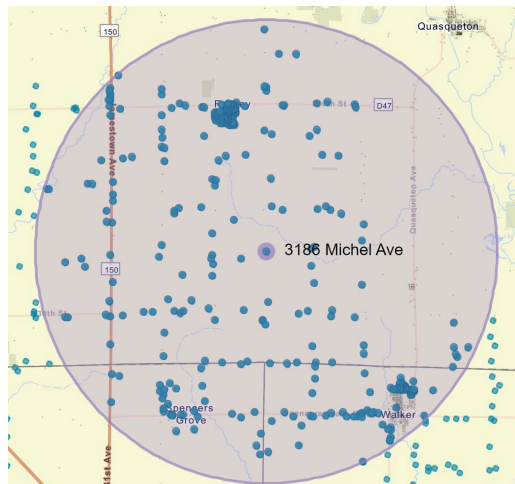
March 29, 2023

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

Buchanan County Economic Development Commission (BCEDC) is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. BCEDC, in association with the Buchanan County Board of Supervisor, local citizens, and with the assistance of East Buchanan Telephone Cooperative (EBTC), have 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 covering south-central Buchanan County extending from Overland Avenue west to Highway 150, and from approximately 290th Street south to 51st Street (D62) in Linn and Benton Counties. Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, most of this area is currently served by broadband providers and with speeds that do not facilitate the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity. This area is adjacent to an area served with fiber by provider EBTC.

The prospective Intervention Zone would bring needed broadband connectivity to approximately 392 currently underserved homes and businesses in the area as further represented by the diagram below:



Robust broadband is critical to the area's continued economic growth, and to ensure local farmers have access to essential infrastructure required for health, safety and education of current and future generations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lisa Kremer".

Lisa Kremer
Executive Director