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RE: Invitation to Qualify #001 – Broadband intervention Zones

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

My name is Curtis Eldred, General Manager of USA Communications in Shellsburg, Iowa. My company employs 23 people and we have been a part of the local community since 1901. USA Communications has invested over Twenty million dollars in the last five year toward broadband deployment. USA Communications has successfully deployed broadband to hundreds of locations through a previous grant with the OCIO.

One of the key factors in economic development is the availability of affordable, reliable internet services.

USA Communications supports the Benton Development Group for recognizing the importance of broadband in Benton County, Iowa.

USA Communications strongly urges the Chief Information Officer to consider the geographic areas indicated by the Benton Development Group in their application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Curtis Eldred", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Curtis Eldred

General Manager



BENTON COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

111 E. 4th Street, P.O. Box 549, Vinton, IA 52349

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

Benton County Development, our county's economic development agency, is submitting this application to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. As County Supervisors, we welcome every opportunity to provide our citizens better access to healthcare, education, entertainment, and job opportunities that high-speed broadband provides.


Residents of the area identified in this application do not have access to minimum speeds of 100/20. The low population density makes their area unprofitable for development by any internet service providers offering high-speed fiber broadband.


Anytown Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The community of Anytown, representing local businesses and residents, has identified a specific area of geographic concern with regard to existing broadband availability.

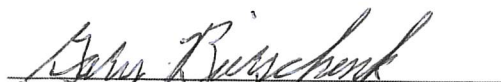
As such, we propose establishing this Broadband Intervention Zone for the area noted in the application.

We hope that the ITQ application and review of the same by OCIO will designate Anytown as a geographic area of concern / Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

Sincerely,


Tracy Seeman, Chairman


Rick Primmer


Gary Bierschenk

Benton County Board of Supervisors