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March 30, 2023

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

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa ("Omaha Tribe") is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The Omaha Tribe, in association with local organizations within our represented geography, has identified specific areas of geographic concern with regards to existing broadband availability.

The Omaha Tribe is the official applicant, and has retained Numu Communications LLC, a majority American Indian owned telecommunications consulting firm, to assist with the technical aspects of the application. The Omaha Tribe point of contact for this information is Mike Grant, Tribal Planner:

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Omaha Tribal members reside in the communities listed below and continue to be impacted by the lack of affordable high-speed internet service.

As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for the area in and around the following communities:

- Albaton IA in Monona County
- Onawa IA in Monona County
- Salix IA in Woodbury County
- Whiting IA in Monona County

Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, these areas are 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 Zones would bring needed broadband connectivity to:

- 74 underserved homes and businesses in Albaton IA
- 181 underserved homes and businesses in Onawa IA
- 173 underserved homes and businesses in Salix IA
- 80 underserved homes and businesses in Whiting IA

These prospective Intervention Zones are further represented by the figures below:

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Figure 1

Albaton ITQ Eligible Locations – 74 Homes and Businesses

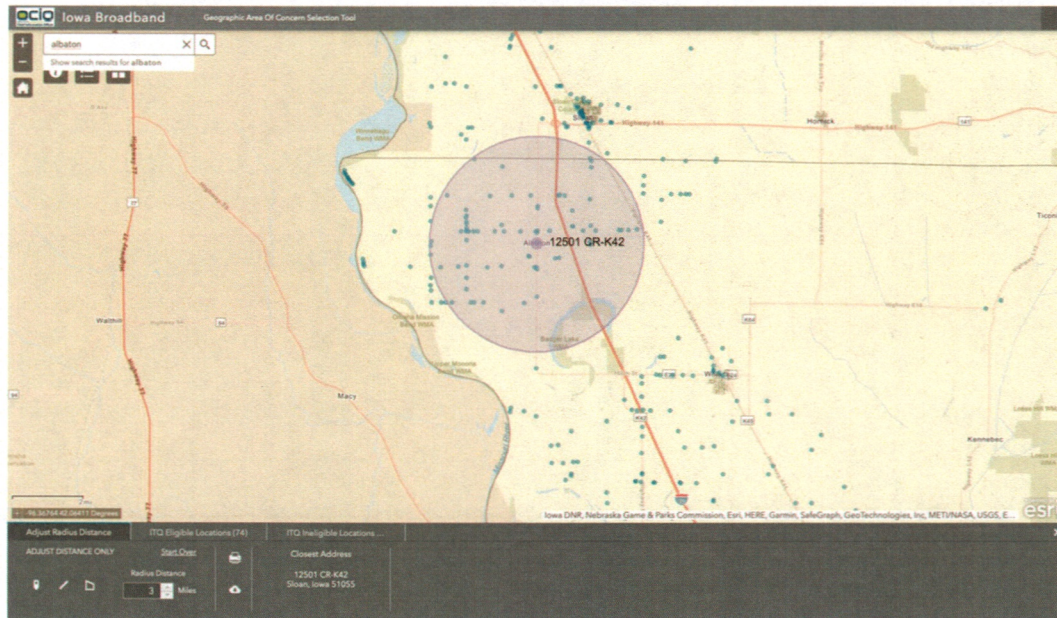
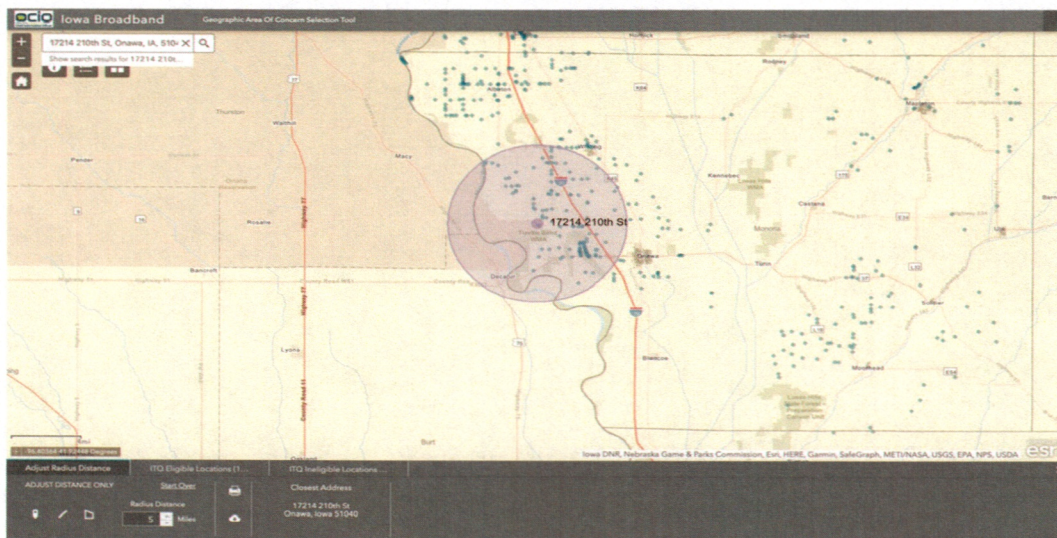


Figure 2

Onawa ITQ Eligible Locations – 181 Homes and Businesses



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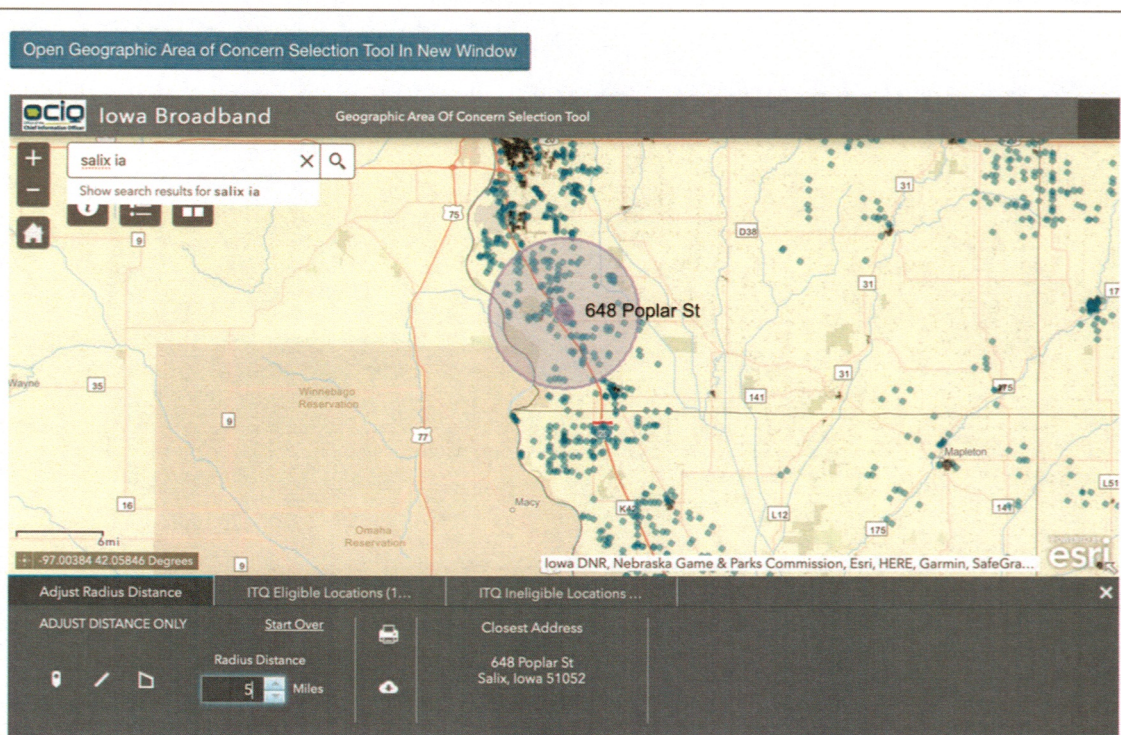


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Figure 3

Salix ITQ Eligible Locations – 173 Homes and Businesses



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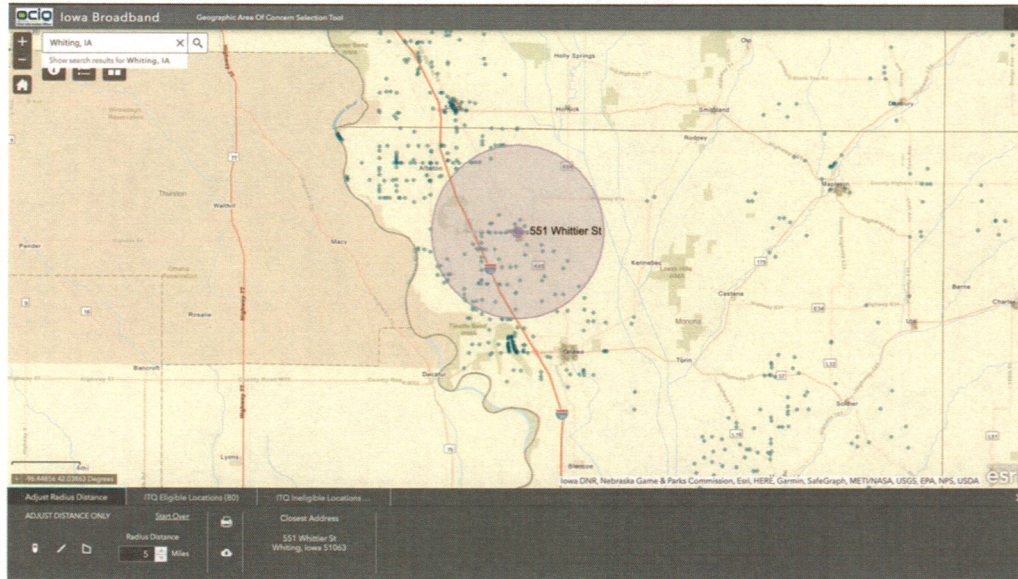


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Figure 4

Whiting ITQ Eligible Locations – 181 Homes and Businesses



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

Sincerely,

Leander Merrick
Omaha Tribal Chairman

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

The Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa is submitting this application in response to the OCIO Invitation to Qualify for a Broadband Intervention Zone. The Tribal Government and its communities in Iowa represent local businesses and rural residents and has identified specific areas of geographic concern that lack existing high-speed and reliable broadband availability. As such, we are proposing that a Broadband Intervention Zone be established for our tribal land areas in and around the communities in:

- Albaton IA in Monona County
- Onawa IA in Monona County
- Salix IA in Woodbury County
- Whiting IA in Monona County

Additionally, our Tribe has acquired licensed spectrum in these counties, and has created a telecom enterprise, Quick Current LLC with a subsidiary to operate broadband services in Iowa, Quick Current-Iowa LLC.

Pursuant to the Iowa Broadband Map v.5, these areas are currently served by a single broadband provider and with speeds that do not meet the required 100/20 minimum threshold for robust connectivity.

It is our hope that the ITQ application and review of same by OCIO will designate the communities and counties above as a geographic area of concern / Intervention Zone for consideration in the next broadband grant program.

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Leander Merrick
Omaha Tribal Chairman