

507451 - Fremont County Tabor Thurman

Application Details

Funding Opportunity: 498157-Invitation to Qualify (ITQ) Broadband Intervention Zones

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Program Area: ITQ - Broadband Intervention Zones

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Stage: Final Application

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Initially Submitted By: Erin Hudson

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Status*: Approved

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Organization Type*: Councils of Government

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Cover Sheet-General Information

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**County(ies) Participating,
Involved, or Affected by this
Proposal*:** Fremont County

To find your district, click on the "Congressional Map" link. On the left hand side of the page, click on the drop-down list and click on "State of Iowa". Then, enter an address for the county/ies you serve in the Search bar. Click "Enter." This will provide you with your Congressional District, Iowa Senate District and Iowa House District.

**Congressional District(s)
Involved or Affected by this
Proposal*:** 3rd - Rep Zach Nunn
Congressional Map

**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 8
Iowa Senate Map

**Iowa House District(s) Involved
or Affected by this Proposal*:** 16
Iowa House Map

Invitation To Qualify Application Exhibits

Required Forms and Submissions

Please indicate the community applicant type that best fits from this list.

Community Applicant Type*: Council of Government

**If Community Applicant Type is
"Other", please add additional
information here. :**

This section of the Iowa Grants system requires the Applicant to upload a cover letter as a Word doc or pdf on the Applicant's letterhead to provide a high-level overview of the Application describing your community's Broadband need in the area and the community's interest in obtaining programmatic funding in the Geographic Area of Concern. The Cover Letter is not scored.

Cover Letter*: FremontCountyCoverLetterITQ.pdf

The Applicant must upload a spreadsheet of locations obtained from the Broadband Availability Map. The system will allow you to download the locations as a CSV formatted spreadsheet. The Eligible Service Locations Spreadsheet must then be uploaded by the Community Applicant to the Iowa Grants system.

Note: Reference the "Geographic Area of Concern and Data Export/Import Instructions," labeled "Exhibit D," for instructions regarding how to properly complete this aspect of the Application.

**Eligible Service Locations
Spreadsheet*:** ITQ Eligible Locations.northernfremontcounty.csv

Generally describe the area identified with the Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool. Example: Rural Adams County, Poweshiek County Highway 6 Corridor, etc.

**General Description of the
geographic area of the circle*:**

This geographic area is a 4-mile radius that includes the towns of Tabor and Thurman.

Write down the radius distance used to create your circle. The instructions for how to identify the radius can be found in Exhibit D Geographic Area of Concern Selection Tool and Data Export/Import Instructions ("Selection Tool").

Radius of the circle*: 4

**Address at the center of the
circle - Street Address *:**

2516 130th St.

**Address of the center of the
circle - City*:**

Tabor

Address of the circle - State*:

IA

Address of the circle - zip code*: 51653

Optional Forms and Submissions - Work, Education, and Health Monitoring

This sub-factor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help to facilitate community members engagement in employment, search for employment, and/or develop the requisite skills and knowledge to become employed (e.g., participate in career counseling programs, workforce training programs, as well as gain access to internet websites to search for and apply to jobs).

Work:

Poor internet service is a distinct barrier to employment as the primary means by which employers currently recruit and correspond with applicants is via online forms and other internet enabled means. In this area of Fremont County the residents are hindered in job searches by lack of decent internet and the employers as well experience significant challenges.

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate educational activities. Such education activities may be to acquire knowledge and/or skills, undertaken as part of a person's participation in school, an academic program, extracurricular program, social-emotional development program for students or youths, internship, or professional development program, or in another educational environment.

Education:

The geographic area identified includes rural areas that lack sufficient internet for students as they are connected to the Fremont Mills Community School District in Tabor, IA. Tabor, IA also lacks sufficient broadband capabilities. Although the school was aided by their past participation in the ICN, the students of the district do not have the same connectivity, which means doing work from home is exceptionally difficult for student within this area.

This subfactor takes into consideration whether Broadband investments in the proposed Geographic Area of Concern will help facilitate health monitoring services to monitor an individual's health, including with respect to either physical or behavioral health.

Health Monitoring:

Telehealth and other services that might be available in other areas is not possible to the same extent in this area.

Community Support Letters

Testimonial : **FremontCountyTestimonial2.pdf**

Community Support Letter : **BOS.FremontCountyTabor.pdf**

This Community Support upload does not have to be on letterhead or have a mailing address within the Geographic Area of Concern. The author must demonstrate that there is a community tie-in or relationship to the Geographic Area of Concern.

Community Support Letter (no letterhead or mailing address): **FremontCountyCommunitySupportLetter.pdf**

Optional Forms and Submissions - Community Broadband Capital

Item	Description	Category	Supporting Documentation
1	County Right of Way	Rights of way made available for Broadband buildout	BOS.FremontCountyTabor.pdf
2			
3			
4			
5			

Barriers to Broadband

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Installation:

The geography of northern Fremont County has been a barrier to broadband installation to date because of the varied topography of the Loess Hills. Likewise, population densities are low. Also, the area is relatively low income. Fremont County as a whole is 51.4% LMI, Tabor is 34.32% and Thurman is 42.86%.

Optional Supporting Materials

for Barriers to Broadband

Installation Narrative:

Minority Impact Statement

Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique positive impact on minority persons? *: **No**

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.:

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.:

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique negative impact on minority persons? *:

No

Describe the negative impact expected from this project.:

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy. :

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.:

Explain how you provided consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.:

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*:

Yes

Executive Director John McCurdy
Title First Name Last Name