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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.

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:

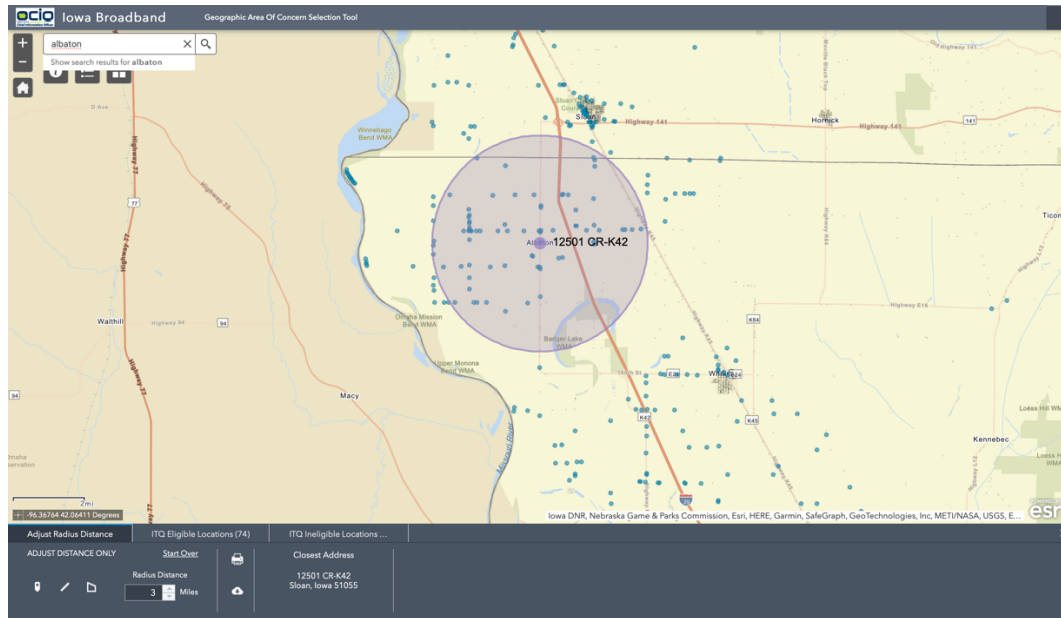
- 74 underserved homes and businesses in Albaton IA
- 181 underserved homes and businesses in Onawa IA
- 173 underserved homes and businesses in Salix IA
- 80 underserved homes and businesses in Whiting IA

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

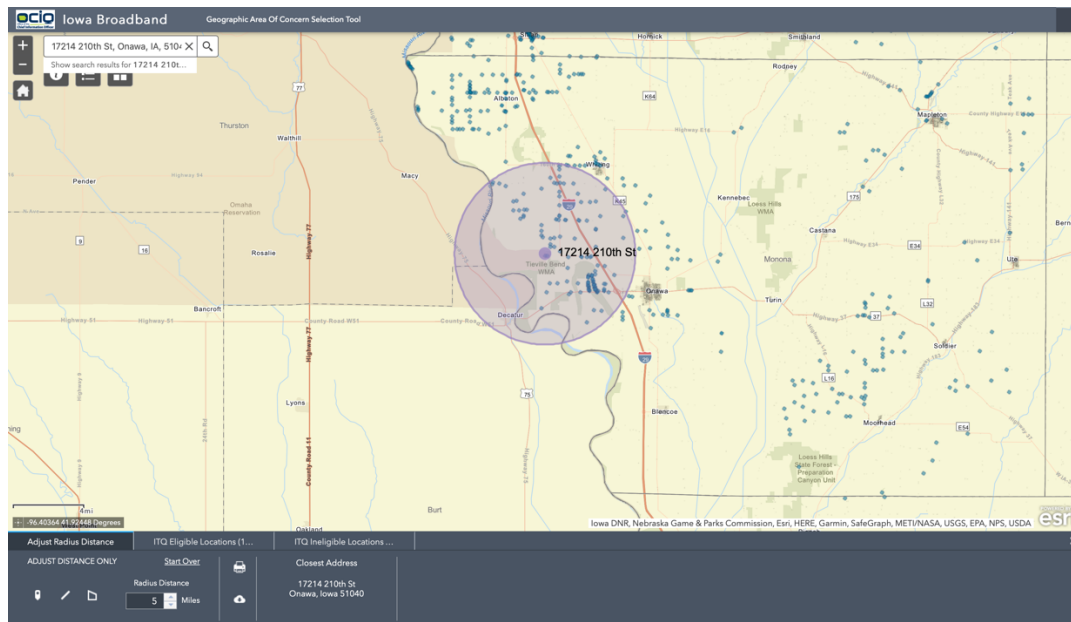
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Figure 1

Albaton ITQ Eligible Locations – 74 Homes and Businesses

**Figure 2**

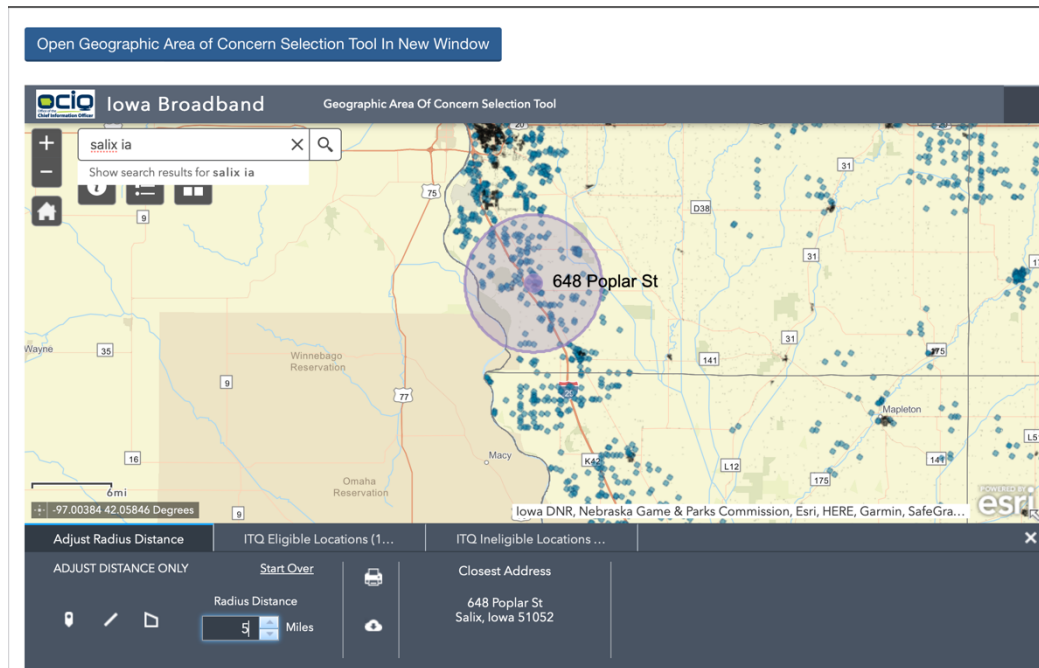
Onawa ITQ Eligible Locations – 181 Homes and Businesses



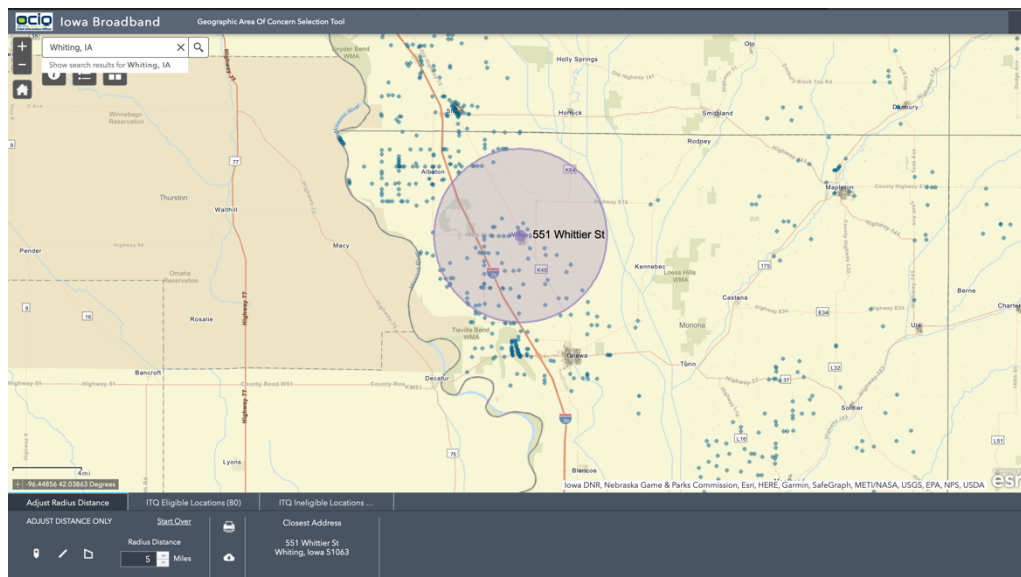
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Figure 3

Salix ITQ Eligible Locations – 173 Homes and Businesses

**Figure 4**

Whiting ITQ Eligible Locations – 181 Homes and Businesses



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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