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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.

Sincerely,

Leander Merrick
Omaha Tribal Chairman