



Van Buren County, Iowa

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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
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RE: Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program — Invitation to Qualify #001 — Broadband Intervention Zones

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Invitation to Qualify application for Van Buren County's Broadband Intervention Zones for portions of rural Van Buren and Lee County, as it would address the lack of adequate broadband internet access and connectivity in the area. By designating these areas as intervention zones for future investment in broadband, this would create a significant opportunity to reach many citizens who currently lack access to reliable broadband services.

We respectfully ask you to consider the designation of an invention zone that includes these locations that we represent as county supervisors. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to this area in Southeast Van Buren County.

Sincerely,
The Van Buren County Board of Supervisors