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### 365549 - Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program (NOFA #003)

**366869 - Premier - George & Orange City (Rural)**  
**Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa**

**Status:** Submitted  
**Signature:** Ryan Boone  
**Submitted Date:** 2020-08-05 05:22:37  
**Submitted By:** Ryan Boone

### Applicant Information

#### Project Officer

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City State/Province Postal Code/Zip  
**Phone:\*** 712-722-3451  
Phone Ext.

**Program Area of Interest\*** Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa  
**Fax:**  
**Agency**

#### Organization Information

**Organization Name:\*** Premier Communications, Inc.  
**Organization Type:\*** For-Profit ? Privately Held  
**DUNS:**  
**Organization Website:** www.mypremieronline.com  
**Address:** 339 1st Ave NE

**City** Sioux Center Iowa 51250  
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip  
**Phone:** 712-722-3451  
Ext.

**Fax:**  
**Benefactor Vendor Number**

### Cover Sheet-General Information

#### Authorized Official

**Name\*** Ryan Boone  
**Title\*** COO  
**Organization\*** Premier Communications, Inc.  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.  
**Address\*** 339 1st Ave. NE

**City/State/Zip\*** Sioux Center Iowa 51250  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number\*** 712-722-3451

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#### Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Name\* Ryan Boone

Title

Organization

Address

City/State/Zip

City State Zip

Telephone Number

E-Mail

County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\* Lyon County, Sioux County

Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\* 4th - Rep Steve King (R)  
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Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\* 1, 2  
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\* 1, 3, 4  
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### Business Organization - NOFA #003

Business Legal Name\* Premier Communications, Inc.

**Mailing Address**

Street \* 339 1st Ave. NE

City\* Sioux Center

State\* IA

Zip\* 51250

**Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)**

Alternate Street

Alternate City

Alternate State

Alternate Zip

### Additional Information

\* [Applicant Business Information - George OC rural.pdf](#)

*Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.*

Communication Service Provider\* Yes

### Executive Project Summary NOFA #003

*This section requires an Applicant to summarize, at a high level, its proposed Project, including but not limited to the geographic area in which the Project will occur, the primary deployment model (e.g., wireline versus wireless), and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA #3. Please explain why CARES Act funds are necessary for the Project to proceed and how the Project will or will not proceed if the requested funds are not ultimately Awarded. Finally, please explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced.*

Executive Project Summary\* [Executive Project Summary - George OC rural.pdf](#)

*The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not CARES Act funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.*

Are CARES Act Funds necessary for the Project to proceed?\* Yes

*This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if CARES Act funds requested are not ultimately awarded.*

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if CARES Act funds requested The proposed Project which is designed to bring a dedicated fiber to every

are not ultimately awarded.\*

Broadband Unit within the proposed Project area is only being considered by Premier because of the CARES Act funds being made available thru NOFA #003. Premier cannot emphasize enough that without the significant grant funding made available by the CARES Act, Premier is unable to make a business case to move forward with this Project at this time.

Applicant certifies project completion dates as follows (select N/A if the Application does not include an Infrastructure component). For infrastructure projects, first 50% completion must be on or before December 30, 2020. The remaining 50% must be completed no later than July 1, 2021.

**Infrastructure Completion Date Certification\*** Yes

Applicant certifies project completion dates as follows (select N/A if the Application does not include an Adoption component). For adoption projects, completion date must be on or before December 1, 2020.

**Adoption Project Date Certification\*** Not Applicable

Infrastructure Projects must be completed as soon as possible, but by no later than the deadlines set forth in Section 1.3 (Project Period/Contract Term). Applicants must certify that no portion of the proposed Infrastructure Project has already commenced construction or build out and that no portion of the proposed Infrastructure Project is related to existing Broadband expansion commitments or expenses that have been or will be reimbursed under any federal program or been awarded funding from. If your Project contains no Infrastructure Projects as defined in NOFA Section 1.1.1, answer N/A.

**Certification that Infrastructure Project conforms with the statement above.\*** Yes

For Projects with an adoption component, Applicant certifies that reasonable efforts will be taken to ensure Broadband subscription discounts are only made to Non-Adopters who meet the criteria set forth in NOFA #003 Section 1.4.8.1 and 1.4.8.2 concerning participation in the Lifeline Program and otherwise reasonably lack the ability to adopt 25/3 broadband without a subscription discount in connection with the COVID-19 public health disaster emergency.

**Adoption Certification\*** Not Applicable

## Demonstrated Experience NOFA #003

This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #003; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #003; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

**Demonstrated Experience\*** [Demonstrated Experience - George OC rural.pdf](#)

## References

<b>Name</b>	Randy Feenstra
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<b>Telephone Number</b>	712-722-1662

## Minority Impact Statement

### Question # 1

1. The proposed grant programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique POSITIVE IMPACT on minority persons.\*

Yes

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

The proposed Project will have a unique, positive impact on person's with a disability, specifically those that are currently students in school. We have first hand experience that there are certain students unable to succeed in traditional, in-person classroom training and yet these same students are able to excel utilizing online-training that is made possible by a high-capacity fiber network envisioned by this Project. For these particular individuals, and their families, the opportunities that high-speed broadband can provide are truly life changing.

In addition to person(s) with disabilities, we feel this Project will have a unique, positive impact on the Latino/Hispanic community that lives and works in the proposed Project area. In our experience many students, and their parents, who reside in this area have varying levels of education and even English speaking capability, so having access to a robust broadband network can help bridge that

gap by providing online ESL, additional educational opportunities, and even translation services that would not exist otherwise.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Person/s with a Disability, Latinos

#### Question # 2

2. The proposed grant project programs or policies could have a disproportionate or unique **NEGATIVE IMPACT** on minority persons. \*

No

If YES, describe the negative impact expected from this project.

If YES, present the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

If YES, provide evidence of consultation with representatives of the minority groups impacted.

Indicate the group(s) negatively impacted.

#### Question # 3

3. The proposed grant project programs or policies are **NOT EXPECTED TO HAVE A DISPROPORTIONATE OR UNIQUE IMPACT** on minority persons. \*

Not Applicable

If YES, present the rationale for determining no impact.

#### Certification

I hereby certify that the information on this form is complete and accurate, to the best of my knowledge.\*

Yes

Name of Person Submitting Certification.\*

Ryan Boone

Title of Person Submitting Certification\*

COO

### Broadband Grants Core Application CARES Version - Exhibits B, B.1,C, C.1, and D

Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 1.25 of the NOFA #003.

**DISCLAIMER:** An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 1.25.1.5 of the NOFA #003, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 1.25.4 of the NOFA #003.

**NOTE:** Applicants are **ONLY** required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the NOFA #003.

Full Unredacted Copy\*

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Core Application Forms Exhibits B-D (Public Redacted Copy)

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Note: If you need additional space to answer any of the below questions, please upload supplemental materials to the appropriate section of the Iowa Grants System ("Overflow Materials").

#### Exhibit C Overflow Materials

##### Exhibit C.1 Overflow Materials

In addition, in connection with any of the following factors, Applicants may provide evidence of need in support of their Project by uploading materials through the Iowa Grants System, which materials demonstrate how communities, households, businesses, schools, or hospitals are hindered in their ability to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 due to a lack of at least 25/3 Broadband ("Supplemental Materials of Need"). Such evidence, by way of example only, may include letters signed and endorsed by community officials, including but not limited to the mayor, city administrator, county supervisor, superintendent, hospital administrator, etc.

Supplemental Materials of Need 3A.1.2

[Supplemental Materials of Need 3A.1.2 - George OC rural.pdf](#)

Supplemental Materials of Need 3B.1.2

### Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement\*

[exhibit\\_e\\_-\\_broadband\\_grants\\_program\\_grant\\_agreement no exceptions - George OC rural.docx](#)

**Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information-Exhibit F**

Certification/Acknowledgements &  
Authorization to Release Information  
Letter\*

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**Form 22 - Exhibit G**

Form 22 (Public)\*

[exhibit\\_g\\_-\\_request\\_for\\_confidentiality\\_-\\_form\\_22\\_nofa\\_003 - George OC rural - signed.pdf](#)

**Prior Funding Statement-Exhibit L**

Prior Funding Statement- Exhibit L \*

[exhibit\\_l\\_-\\_prior\\_funding\\_statement\\_nofa\\_003 - George OC rural - signed.pdf](#)

**Project Budget**

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 50%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit	Innerduct material only		50.0	
Fiber/Copper	Fiber (including labor)		50.0	
OSP Engineering			0	
Design Engineering			0	
Construction Mgmt.	Contracted engineering services (including contract development/management), plus outside plant inspecting & tes ing		50.0	
Tower			0	
Antenna			0	
Boring	Directional boring (including labor)		50.0	
Trenching			0	
Knifing	Plowing (including labor)		50.0	
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready			0	
Outside Plant			0	
Switching Equipment			0	
Routing Equipment			0	
Optical Equipment	Fiber frame & access gear		50.0	
Customer Premise Equipment	ONTs & labor to install		50.0	
Other	Peds, handholes, splicing, labor, etc.		50.0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$7,766,500.00</b>		<b>\$3,883,250.00</b>

**Adoption Project**

School District	Number of Adopters	Amount
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**Total Application Request**

Total Application Request	\$3,883,250.00
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**Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification**

Name (as shown on your income tax return) Premier Communications, Inc.

Business name, if different from above

**Check appropriate box:**

Individual/Sole proprietor

C Corporation

Yes

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/Estate

Limited liability company

Enter the tax classification (C=corporation, S=S corporation, P=partnership)

Other

See instructions provided in the link at the top of this form

**Other Description**

**Exemptions**

See instructions in the link provided at the top of this form.

Exempt payee

Yes

Exempt payee code (if any)

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Exemption from FATCA reporting code (if any)

Address (number, street, and apt. or suite no.)

339 1st Ave. NE  
PO Box 200

City

Sioux Center

Iowa

51250

State

Zip

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address (optional)

**Part 1 - Taxpayer Identification number (TIN)**

Social Security #

Employer Identification #

421447232

**PART 2 - Certification**

Under penalties of perjury, I certify that:

1. The number shown on this form is my correct taxpayer identification number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and
2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen or other U.S. person (defined below), and
4. The FATCA code(s) entered on this form (if any) indicating that I am exempt from FATCA reporting is correct.

Signature of U.S. person\*

Ryan Boone

You must select yes to item 2 below (backup withholding) if you have been notified by the IRS that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you have failed to report all interest and dividends on your tax return. For real estate transactions, item 2 does not apply. For mortgage interest paid, acquisition or abandonment of secured property, cancellation of debt, contributions to an individual retirement arrangement (IRA), and generally, payments other than interest and dividends, you are not required to sign the certification, but you must provide your correct TIN. See the instructions provided in the link at the top of this form.

2. Backup Withholding\*

No

Date Signed\*

07/31/2020

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