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

367535 - Alpine Communications Rural Clayton County Aug 2020

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Applicant Information

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Organization Information

Organization Name:* Alpine Communications, LC
 Organization Type:* For-Profit – Privately Held
 DUNS:
 Organization Website: www.alpinecom.net
 Address: 923 Humphrey St

City* Elkader Iowa 52043
City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
 Phone:* 563-245-4480
Phone Ext.

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City State/Province Postal Code/Zip
 Phone: 563-245-4000
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Program Area of Interest* Broadband Deployment
 Fax: 563-245-2887
 Agency

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 Benefactor
 Vendor Number

Cover Sheet-General Information

Authorized Official

Name* Chris Hopp
 Title* GM/COO
 Organization* Alpine Communications, LC
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
 Address* 923 Humphrey St

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City State Zip

Telephone Number* 563-245-4000

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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.

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Clayton County
Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 1st - Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D)
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Business Organization - NOFA #003

Business Legal Name* Alpine Communications, LC
Mailing Address
Street * 923 Humphrey St
City* Elkader
State* IA
Zip* 52043
Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)
Alternate Street
Alternate City
Alternate State
Alternate Zip

Additional Information

* [Alpine NOFA 003 - Business Organization 2.2.2.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* [Alpine - Executive Project Summary NOFA003.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 This project will proceed in some fashion, although the size and scope of the

are not ultimately awarded.*

project will be greatly reduced if the grant is not awarded. In addition, if this grant is not approved other projects (plan to bring FTTH to all locations in the Alpine's service area) planned to bring FTTH technology to the remainder of Alpine's rural service area will be either reduced or eliminated.

Alpine is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residents, businesses, and community anchor institutions within the rural service areas of the Alpine's exchange area (urban locations are already being served by FTTH). Access to high-speed broadband service should be available to every resident regardless of whether they live in town or out in the rural areas. After reviewing the financial feasibility of the project, the locations included in Alpine's application would be too costly to build without funding assistance. Due to the rural nature and relatively low population density, this project would be difficult to justify without the financial assistance from the NOFA#003. Therefore, the project will likely be substantially modified without grant assistance.

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*

[Alpine NOFA003 Section 2.2.4 Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

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Name	Andy Reimer
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Name	Russel Loven
Telephone Number	563-252-1310

Minority Impact Statement

Question # 1

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

No

If YES, describe the positive impact expected from this project

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

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. *

Yes

If YES, present the rationale for determining no impact.

Alpine Communications does not discriminate on gender, race, or disability when offering service. Alpine Communications offers Lifeline service to qualifying low income customers to allow them more affordable access to service.

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. *

Chris Hopp

Title of Person Submitting Certification*

GM

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* [Alpine - NOFA003 Exhibit B C and D.xlsm](#)

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

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 [Alpine - Community Support Letters.pdf](#)

Supplemental Materials of Need 3B.1.2

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants
Program Grant Agreement*

[Alpine - Exhibit E NOFA003.pdf](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information-Exhibit F

Certification/Acknowledgements &
Authorization to Release Information
Letter*

[Alpine - Exhibit F - NOFA 003.pdf](#)

Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[Alpine - Exhibit G - NOFA003.pdf](#)

Prior Funding Statement-Exhibit L

Prior Funding Statement- Exhibit L *

[Alpine - Exhibit L - NOFA 003.pdf](#)

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 50%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit	Conduit Material	\$187,177.00	50.0	\$93,588.50
Fiber/Copper	Fiber cable, peds, handholes, drops, NID shells, grounding and ancillary materials	\$926,677.00	50.0	\$463,338.50
OSP Engineering		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering	Staking, General Coordination, and Mapping for project	\$28,169.00	50.0	\$14,084.50
Construction Mgmt.	Coordination, Schmatics, Cutsheets, Permitting, Inspection, Construction Management, As-Builts, and Mapping	\$421,327.50	50.0	\$210,663.75
Tower		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring	Directional Bore Labor	\$1,258,004.00	50.0	\$629,002.00
Trenching		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	Plowing Cable, Conduit, Drops Labor	\$2,798,023.00	50.0	\$1,399,011.50
Aerial Deployment/Make Ready		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Outside Plant		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Fiber Frames and terminations, fiber jumpers, Calix e7-2 optics, cards, and Chassis.	\$92,689.28	50.0	\$46,344.64
Customer Premise Equipment	Calix ONT's and powercords	\$87,890.00	50.0	\$43,945.00
Other		\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$5,799,956.78		\$2,899,978.39

Adoption Project

School District	Number of Adopters	Amount
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Total Application Request

Total Application Request \$2,899,978.39

Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification

Name (as shown on your income tax
return)

Alpine Communications, L.C.

Business name, if different from above

Alpine Communications, LC

Check appropriate box:

Individual/Sole proprietor

C Corporation

S Corporation

Partnership

Trust/Estate

Limited liability company Yes S

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

Exempt payee code (if any)

Exemption from FATCA reporting code
(if any)Address (number, street, and apt. or
suite no.) 923 Humphrey StCity Elkader Iowa 52043
State Zip

List account number(s) here (optional)

Requester's name and address
(optional)**Part 1 - Taxpayer Identification number (TIN)**

Social Security #

Employer Identification # 421440722

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* Chris Hopp

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* Not Applicable

Date Signed* 08/03/2020

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