

Guthrie Telecommunications Network, Inc
Broadband Grant Program- Empower Rural Iowa
NOFA #003

Applicant Business Information

Guthrie Telecommunications Network (GTN) is a competitive local exchange communications provider located in Guthrie Center, Iowa. Guthrie Center is located in west central Iowa and is the county seat of Guthrie County. Established in 1999, GTN was one of the first fiber to the home exchanges in Iowa. Its parent, Panora Communications Cooperative, celebrated its 100-year anniversary in 2019, proudly serving its customers for 100 plus years.

GTN is governed by a seven-member board of directors that are residents of Guthrie county. GTN, combined with its parent Panora Communications Cooperative, has 13 employees, made up of its CEO, 3 managers, 4 customer service specialists and 5 technical specialists, which provide communication services in all or parts of Guthrie, Audubon, Greene and Adair counties. Service are provided via a one of two ways; fiber optic cable or fixed wireless

GTN's initial service territory comprised of the city limits of Guthrie Center and several arteries just outside the city limits, all served by fiber optic cabling. As the need for dependable broadband grew, and due to the sparse population outside GCC's fiber optic infrastructure, GCC began providing fixed wireless service to customers in these areas that were served by larger out of state communications providers. Technology that GCC uses continues to advance and GCC has experience in licensed and unlicensed spectrum. Broadband offerings vary from 4/1 to 30/10, and are continuing to advance.

GCC currently serves over 150 fixed wireless customers in areas outside its traditional service territory, filling the broadband void for these customers in high cost deployment areas.

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Corporate Structure
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