



ADM Community Schools

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August 4, 2020

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #003

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Minburn Telephone Company d/b/a Minburn Communications (MC). We would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion grant application for MC. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities, as well as a strong reputation for excellent customer service and community commitment. We are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for families in our school district boundaries. With the assistance of this grant, MC's expanded broadband network will enable us to overcome geographical distances, empower us through information, and bring the world to us through the touch of a keyboard. As an unserved rural area with limited availability to advanced Internet services, we face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. Our community currently lacks the research; distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to a rural school. Especially with the current COVID-19 pandemic, our community has seen the direct impact of limited broadband access. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to our area.

In the midst of the current pandemic, we are finding more families opting for the online learning opportunities and limitations to their services hinders this type of learning environment. ADM is committed to engaging all students in a challenging and supportive environment that ensures all students learn at high levels. To achieve this, we enlist your help.

MC has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for students in the Adel DeSoto Minburn School District.

Sincerely,

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Greg Dufoe

Superintendent of ADM Schools

DALLAS COUNTY

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Many of our rural residents still do not have broadband access. This would be a great benefit to those rural residents.

MC has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for Dallas County.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Hanson, Member
Dallas County Board of Supervisors

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Broadband is vital to the economic progress, educational well-being and needs to expand the use of telehealth in our community. The availability of these grant funds for our residents and businesses to upgrade to higher speeds of broadband are critical in navigating the financial challenges of COVID 19.

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Sincerely,

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Thomas Burkgren
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