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Request for Clarification - Broadband Grant Program (NOFA #003) - Application #368388

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To the best of our knowledge **ALL 108** broadband units identified in Exhibit B of our Core Application as broadband units to which "New Service Will Be Available To" are not currently served by 25/3 Broadband service currently, meaning that no other known Communication Service Provider currently facilitates 25/3 Broadband or faster service to those broadband units.

To support this claim, we provide the following support information:

1. Utilizing the Broadband Availability Map data provided within the OCIO NOFA#003 application website the company identified TSA Yes and TSA No census blocks. The auto populated until locations from the Exhibit B resulted in a TSA yes count of 108 and TSA no count of 0.
2. Utilizing the June 2019 Public FCC 477 Report the company confirmed census blocks that current service providers within the application area are identified as providing service at the minimum service standard of 25/3. Within the FCC report 1 service provider (Amazon) was identified as offering copper and fiber based broadband within these census blocks. Review of city and county permit records and visual confirmation that no such plant or service exist in this service area.
3. Customer testimony has confirmed no competitive communication service provider currently exists for the applicants grant service area.
4. Dave Severin is the General Manager of the Rockwell Telephone Cooperative Association and longstanding resident of the area, he is personally unaware of a competitive communications service provider.

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