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Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa (OCIO)
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Support for the OCIO #5 Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a support letter for the OCIO #5 project, which will deploy 204 miles of fiber in northern Allamakee County, the most underserved area of the state of Iowa.

Allamakee-Clayton Electric Cooperative is committed to the residents of northeast Iowa, and we believe that accessible, reliable internet is essential for the growth and future of our region. We support their need for fiber connectivity for telehealth, telework and distance learning.

The total project cost will be approximately \$6,463,547. Allamakee-Clayton is committed to the proposed project and will be contributing a 25% match up to \$1,615,887.

Please see favorably on this application to better serve our safety, health, education, and business needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Hollie McCormick", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Hollie McCormick
Executive VP/General Manager