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Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Committee
Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

Dear Chief Information Officer:

Our gravel company is a privately-owned small business. Operations are portable; we work out of 30+ gravel pits in Central and NW Iowa, producing stockpiles of county road gravel and DOT-certified materials used in asphalt and concrete roads. Our office and shop are located in Stratford.

I strongly recommend Stratford Mutual Telephone for the Rural Broadband Iowa Grant.

- Customer service is exemplary. Staff is always courteous and responsive to any issues or questions about service or hardware.
- Service is extremely reliable with a commitment to continued improvement.
- Stratford Mutual Telephone is very supportive of our local community. Besides customer appreciation events, it provides financial and other support to various organizations, including assistance in setting up a Zoom conference call for our community-owned grocery store's annual meeting this year.
- Employees are also active community leaders, serving on non-profit boards and the Stratford City Council.

We're very fortunate to have a local internet/cable/telephone provider with such a strong, positive presence. Stratford Mutual Telephone is most deserving of your consideration for this grant. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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