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390478 - Empower Rural Iowa Emergency Broadband Expansion Program (NOFA # 005) - Final Application

396483 - Florenceville FTTP

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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MiBroadband LLC

Organization Type:*

For-Profit – Privately Held

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County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Howard County, Winneshiek County
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Business Organization - NOFA #005

Business Legal Name* MiBroadband, LLC
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City* Harmony
State* MN
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Alternate Zip

Additional Information

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Public Redacted Broadband Additional Information

Is the Applicant a Communications Service Provider as defined by Iowa Code chapter 8B, including but not limited to private sector carriers, local governments, utilities, and other entities that provide or intend to provide Broadband service.

Communication Service Provider* Yes

Executive Project Summary NOFA #005

This section requires an Applicant to summarize, at a high level, its proposed Project, including but not limited to the geographic area in which the Project will occur, the primary deployment model (e.g., wireline versus wireless), and a general overview of how Applicant has/will comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of this NOFA #5. Please explain why CARES Act funds are necessary for the Project to proceed and how the Project will or will not proceed if the requested funds are not ultimately Awarded. Finally, please explain the current status of the Project, including the phase it is in, such as pre-planning, planning, or that building has commenced Name and upload this file "Application Number - Applicant Name - Executive Project Summary". This can be a PDF or Word Document.

Executive Project Summary* [396483 - MiBroadband LLC - Executive Project Summary.docx](#)

The section requires Applicant to affirm whether or not federal funds are necessary for the Project to proceed.

Are federal Funds Necessary for the Project to proceed?* Yes

This section requires an Applicant to describe how the Project will or will not proceed if State funds requested are not ultimately awarded.

Describe how the Project will or will not proceed if federal funds requested are not ultimately awarded.*

The Empower Rural Iowa funds will provide the financial support to provide high-speed broadband to rural areas in Howard and Winneshiek Counties. Without these funds, this project will not proceed on a timeline essential to the unserved customers in this region. The financial feasibility of this project without the assistance of grant funds will prolong the timeline to provide service in these areas.

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Staking	05/30/2021	\$8,975.00
Permits	05/30/2021	\$2,500.00
OSP Bidding & Contracts	06/30/2021	\$5,000.00
Distribution Fiber Construction	09/30/2021	\$204,480.00
Drop Construction	10/30/2021	\$23,940.00
Optical Equipment Install & Turn-Up	09/30/2021	\$15,000.00
Install CPE & Cutover	11/15/2021	\$37,800.00
Closeout, As-Builts, & Construction Management	11/30/2021	\$22,200.00

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #005

This section requires information about Applicant's demonstrated experience in provisioning Broadband across the State of Iowa. Applicant shall include relevant information about their experience that has prepared them to deploy their Project, such as, for example, community partnerships and services; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #005; if the Applicant is a relatively new provider/market entrant, an explanation of the benefits, if any, of being a newer provider/market entrant; the level of technical experience in providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #005; or any other information that would aid the Office in assessing whether Applicant is a Responsible Applicant.

Demonstrated Experience* [396483 - MiBroadband LLC - Demonstrated Experience.docx](#)

References

Name Angi Kaase
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 Reference Letter #1 [Kaase Letter of Reference NOFA 5.pdf](#)

Name	Dave Mensink
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Reference Letter #2	Dave Mensink Letter of Reference NOFA 5.PDF
Name	Dr. John Rein, Dr. Michell Rein
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Reference Letter #3	Rein Letter of Reference NOFA 005.pdf

Broadband Grants Core Application - Exhibits B, C, D, and D.1

Applicant requests that the contents of their application remain confidential in whole or in part, pursuant to Section 1.25 of the NOFA #005.

DISCLAIMER: An applicant requesting confidential treatment of portions of an application must attach a redacted public copy of the application. If the applicant fails to attach a redacted public copy pursuant to Section 1.25.1.5 of the NOFA #005, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 1.25.5 of the NOFA #005.

NOTE: Applicants are ONLY required to submit a Public Redacted Copy IF they are requesting confidential treatment with respect to an aspect of their Application. Further, the mere fact that an Applicant submits a Public Redacted Copy (or otherwise requests confidential treatment) does not ensure the aspects of the Application that are redacted (or for which confidential treatment is otherwise sought) will be treated as confidential; the Office will only afford confidential treatment to the extent requests comply with the terms, conditions, and requirements of the NOFA #005, and solely to the extent permitted by Iowa Code Chapter 22 and the Office's corresponding fair information practices rules available at 129 IAC 2.

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Overflow Materials Exhibit C

Applicants may provide evidence of need support for their Project by uploading materials through the Iowa Grants System, which materials demonstrate how communities, households, businesses, schools, or hospitals are hindered in their ability to respond to the challenges of COVID-19 due to a lack of at least 25/3 Broadband ("Supplemental Materials of Need"). Such evidence, by way of example only, may include letters signed and endorsed by community officials, including but not limited to the mayor, city administrator, county supervisor, superintendent, hospital administrator, etc.

Supplemental Materials of Need

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Exceptions to Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement* [396483 - MiBroadband LLC - Grant Agreement Terms Accepted.docx](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)* [396483 - MiBroadband LLC - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [396483 - MiBroadband LLC - Exhibit G.pdf](#)

Federal Identification Documentation

DUNS Number* 33915722

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SAM Registration Upload* [396483 - MiBroadband - SAM.pdf](#)

Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated	Total Estimated	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (enter percentage here)	Grant Request
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		Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)		(Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit	Material	\$405.00	\$243.00	\$648.00	75.0 \$486.00
Fiber/Copper	Material	\$12,870.00	\$7,794.00	\$20,664.00	75.0 \$15,498.00
OSP Engineering	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 \$0.00
Design Engineering	Staking, General Coordination, & Mapping	\$7,650.00	\$3,825.00	\$11,475.00	75.0 \$8,606.25
Construction Mgmt.	Coordination, Schematics, Cutsheets, Permitting, Inspection, Construction Management, As-Builts, & Mapping	\$21,250.00	\$5,950.00	\$27,200.00	75.0 \$20,400.00
Tower	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 \$0.00
Antenna	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 \$0.00
Boring	Labor	\$8,325.00	\$4,995.00	\$13,320.00	75.0 \$9,990.00
Trenching	Rock Trenching	\$23,996.00	\$13,972.00	\$37,968.00	75.0 \$28,476.00
Knifing	Plow Labor - Ancillary Equipment & Labor	\$97,240.00	\$34,640.00	\$131,880.00	75.0 \$98,910.00
Switching Equipment	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 \$0.00
Routing Equipment	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0 \$0.00
Optical Equipment	Fiber Frames & Terminations, fiber jumpers	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00	75.0 \$11,250.00
Customer Premise Equipment	Calix ONT's and power cords, Fiber drop, NID, Grounding	\$37,800.00	\$0.00	\$37,800.00	75.0 \$28,350.00
Other	Fiber Drop, NID Shell Grounding	\$23,940.00	\$0.00	\$23,940.00	75.0 \$17,955.00
Totals		\$248,476.00	\$71,419.00	\$319,895.00	\$239,921.25

Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **positive impact** on minority persons? *

Yes

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.

Those listed as minority persons, who have not had the ability to subscribe to high speed broadband service will now be able to do so.

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

Spring Grove Communications will ensure the households and businesses are able to perform multiple tasks for distance learning, remote work and telehealth.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Women, Persons with a Disability, African Americans, Latinos, Asians or Pacific Islanders, American Indians

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **negative impact** on minority persons? *

No

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

Yes

*

Chief Executive Officer

Jill

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