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

396714 - Alpine Communications Rural Clayton County ELKADER W NOFA #005
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Deployment

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Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Alpine Communications, LC

Organization Type:*

For-Profit – Privately Held

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

Business Legal Name* Alpine Communications, LC

Mailing Address

Street * 923 Humphrey St
City* Elkader
State* IA
Zip* 52043

Alternate Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Alternate Street

Alternate City

Alternate State

Alternate Zip

Additional Information

Please name and upload file "Application Number - Applicant Name - Business Organization". File can be a PDF or Word Document.

* **Alpine NOFA 005 - Business Organization 2.2.2.docx**

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* **App396714_Alpine Communications_NOFA005_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.*

This project will proceed in some fashion, although the size and scope of the project will be greatly reduced if the grant is not awarded. In addition, if this grant is not approved other projects (plan to bring FTTH to all locations in the Alpine service area) planned to bring FTTH technology to the remainder of Alpine's rural service area will either be reduced or eliminated. Alpine is committed to working toward overall community enhancement that includes residences, businesses and community anchor institutions with the rural service areas of Alpine's exchange area (urban locations are already being served by FTTH). Access to high speed broadband service should be available to every location regardless of whether they live in town or out in the rural areas. After reviewing the financial feasibility of the project, the locations included in Alpine's applications would be too costly to build without funding assistance. Due to the rural nature and relatively low population density, this project would be difficult to justify without the financial assistance from NOFA #005. Therefore, the project will likely be substantially modified without grant assistance.

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Staking	05/31/2021	\$0.00
Permitting	05/31/2021	\$0.00
OSP Bidding and Contracts	06/30/2021	\$0.00
Distribution Fiber Construction	09/30/2021	\$0.00
Drop Construction	10/29/2021	\$0.00
Optical Equipment Install and Turn-up	09/30/2021	\$0.00
Install CPE and Cutover	11/19/2021	\$0.00
Close-out, As-Builts and Construction Management	11/30/2021	\$0.00

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* **OCIO Grant Section 2.2.4 Demonstrated Experience NOFA 5.pdf**

References

Name	Amanda Pasket
Telephone Number	563.380.1126
Reference Letter #1	Pasket Recommendation.pdf
Name	Andy Reimer
Telephone Number	563.252.2471
Reference Letter #2	Andy Reimer Letter 11-13-20.pdf
Name	Clayton County Board of Supervisors/Ray Peterson
Telephone Number	563.245.2166
Reference Letter #3	CC-Supervisors-AplineLetterSupportnov2020.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* [App396714_Alpine Communications_Exhibit E.pdf](#)

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)* [App396714_Alpine Communications_Exhibit F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)* [App396714_Alpine Communications_Exhibit G.pdf](#)

Federal Identification Documentation

DUNS Number* 86451069

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SAM Registration Upload* [App396714_Alpine Communications_SAM Registration Record 2021 02 24 - NOFA005.pdf](#)

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Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (enter percentage here)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit	Material 1.25 HDPE	\$2,520.00	\$0.00	\$2,520.00	75.0	\$1,890.00
Fiber/Copper	Material	\$106,888.00	\$0.00	\$106,888.00	75.0	\$80,166.00
OSP		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Engineering						
Design	Staking, General Coordination and Mapping for project	\$44,965.00	\$0.00	\$44,965.00	75.0	\$33,723.75
Engineering						
Construction	Coordiantion, Schematics, Cutsheets, permitting, inspection, construction management, as-builts and mapping	\$167,875.00	\$0.00	\$167,875.00	75.0	\$125,906.25
Mgmt.						
Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring	Labor	\$54,600.00	\$0.00	\$54,600.00	75.0	\$40,950.00
Trenching	Rock Trenching Labor	\$597,195.00	\$0.00	\$597,195.00	75.0	\$447,896.25
Knifing	Plow Labor - ancillary equipment and labor	\$487,892.00	\$0.00	\$487,892.00	75.0	\$365,919.00
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	Fiber Frames and terminations, fiber jumpers, CALIXE7-2 optics, cards, chassis, licesen and software fees	\$67,627.34	\$0.00	\$67,627.34	75.0	\$50,720.50
Equipment						
Customer	Calix ONT's and Powercords, fiber drop, NID, grounding	\$109,339.20	\$0.00	\$109,339.20	75.0	\$82,004.40
Premise						
Equipment						
Other	Remote Building/Hut Elkader	\$92,749.00	\$0.00	\$92,749.00	75.0	\$69,561.75
Totals		\$1,731,650.54	\$0.00	\$1,731,650.54		\$1,298,737.90

Minority Impact Statement

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

No

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

*

General Manager/COO

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