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

396918 - Rural Red Oak Iowa Fiber to the Premises Build Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest* OCIO Test Program

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Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:* Farmers Mutual Telephone Company

Organization Type:* Private

DUNS:

Organization Website: www.myfmtc.com

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

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Organization* Farmers Mutual Telephone Company
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Business Organization - NOFA #005**Business Legal Name*** The Farmers Mutual Telephone Company of Stanton, Iowa**Mailing Address**

Street * 410 Broad Avenue
City* Stanton
State* IA
Zip* 51573

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

Alternate Street
Alternate City
Alternate State
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* [Executive 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?* No

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 due to the Red Oak rural area USDA ReConnect award. However, this project's budget is significantly strained due to the increased cost of fiber installation labor and cost of materials since the ReConnect application was submitted over two years ago. The ReConnect award budget could be at least 15% up to possibly 25% over budget. This project and other rural project would be greatly affected without Iowa Grant funds.

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
FTTH Build - Year 2021	12/01/2021	\$5,010,654.00

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* [Broadband Operation Experience.docx](#)

References

Name	Stephen Peterson
Telephone Number	712-829-2829
Reference Letter #1	Testimonials_FMTC.docx
Name	Gary Brandt
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Reference Letter #2	Testimonials_FMTC.docx
Name	
Telephone Number	

Reference Letter #3

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.

Full Unredacted Copy*

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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*

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Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)*

[signed exhibit f.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

[signed exhibit g.pdf](#)

Federal Identification Documentation

DUNS Number*

57530651

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SAM Registration Upload*

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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		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Fiber Cable	\$507,438.00	\$0.00	\$507,438.00	75.0	\$380,578.50
OSP Engineering	Staking sheets, inventory, pay requests, as-builts	\$112,764.00	\$0.00	\$112,764.00	75.0	\$84,573.00
Design Engineering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00

Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring	Directional Boring	\$172,634.00	\$0.00	\$172,634.00	75.0	\$129,475.50
Trenching		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	Plowing Fiber	\$3,082,216.00	\$0.00	\$3,082,216.00	75.0	\$2,311,662.00
Switching Equipment	switching feature set for locations	\$18,146.00	\$0.00	\$18,146.00	75.0	\$13,609.50
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Optical Line Terminal (OLT)	\$186,102.00	\$0.00	\$186,102.00	75.0	\$139,576.50
Customer Premise Equipment	Optical Network Terminal (ONT)	\$931,354.00	\$0.00	\$931,354.00	75.0	\$698,515.50
Other		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Totals		\$5,010,654.00	\$0.00	\$5,010,654.00		\$3,757,990.50

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

*

CFO

Title

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