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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 #6 Waukon Phase 2 Project

To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as a support letter for the OCIO #6 Waukon Phase 2 Project, which will deploy roughly 113 miles of fiber in the City of Waukon, the county seat of 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 \$7,781,535. Allamakee-Clayton is committed to the proposed project and will be contributing a match up to \$4,968,991. The City of Waukon has also committed to supporting this project with \$75,000.

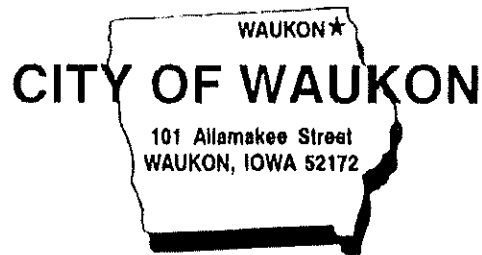
Please see favorably on this application to better serve our safety, health, education, and business needs.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hollie McCormick".

Hollie McCormick
Executive VP/General Manager

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July 19, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 East Grand Avenue
Des Moines, Iowa 50309

RE: Supporting the OCIO Fiber Optic Installation Grant for Waukon, Iowa

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter indicates the City of Waukon support for the OCIO fiber optic grant by which the Allamakee Clayton Electric Cooperation is making application. The City's support also includes a \$75,000 contribution toward the local match funding for this grant.

Thank-you for your consideration.

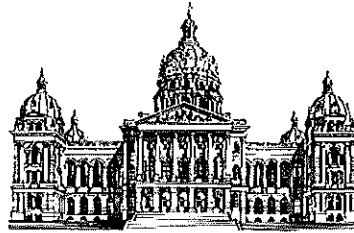
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary W. Boden". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Gary W. Boden, City Manager

C: Mayor and City Council
City Clerk
Hollie McCormick, Allamakee Clayton Electric Cooperative

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Ms. Jessica Turba
Special Projects Administrator
Office of the Chief Information Officer
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Rural Waukon OCIO #6 application

July 23, 2021

Ms. Turba,

This letter is in recommendation of Allamakee-Clayton Rural Electric Cooperative (ACREC) for a grant to install fiber to homes in southern Allamakee County. We have all been made keenly aware of the importance of high-speed broadband during the COVID pandemic. High speed access has become critical to our daily lives.

ACREC is currently deploying fiber in the Western portion of the city of Waukon and in rural Northern Allamakee county, ensuring customers in the area will have fiber technology available for them to work, play and enrich their lives for many years to come. ACREC is prepared to provide fiber to customers in rural Southern Allamakee County allowing residents better access to healthcare, educational and employment opportunities.

This is truly a shovel ready project that would not be possible to complete at this size and scope without funding from this grant. It is my honor to recommend Allamakee-Clayton Rural Electric Cooperative for this grant and I trust you will find them to be a worthy candidate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Osmundson".

Representative Anne Osmundson
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July 12, 2021

Ms. Jessica Turba
Special Projects Administrator
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
200 East Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Waukon Fiber Phase 2 – OCIO #6 application

To Ms. Turba:

Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC) is happy to support the Waukon Fiber Phase 2 project. As the Iowa Governor has taken high focus on broadband within her Empower Rural Iowa Initiatives. We too at UERPC understand the value of the proposed project. The Fiber will give the residents and businesses alike the right tools to enact meaningful change in their lives. Fiber will allow tele-working, tele-health and distance learning.

UERPC is the administrator for the Northeast Iowa Business Network where the region comes together to collectively build businesses and communities. Without broadband, our region lacks the infrastructure to carry out an economic impact.

Please see favorably on this application and understand the economic impact this project will have on the city of Waukon as well as the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rachelle Howe".

Rachelle Howe
Executive Director

July 15, 2021

Ms. Jessica Turba
Special Projects Administrator
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
200 East Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Waukon Fiber Phase 2 – OCIO #6 application

To Whom it May Concern:

Upper Iowa Resort would like to give their support to the OCIO Waukon Fiber Phase 2. My husband and I just recently purchased the resort and are so excited to own a wonderful tourist destination along the beautiful Upper Iowa River. Our visitors come from all over the world to stay in one of our cabins, utilize their own camper, tent camp or just lazily paddle the Upper Iowa for the day.

While it is our mission to keep Upper Iowa Resort a family friendly getaway where you can unplug and unwind, the benefits and necessity for fiber to our business and for our visitors is imperative. Safety is our first and foremost need for the fiber. We want our visitors to feel safe and have that connectivity to emergency care if needed. We want them to feel connected to their family and friends who are not able to travel with them while they vacation.

We want to promote tele-health, tele-work and distance learning right at the campground and this fiber project would allow that. Please see favorably on this application. Contact me with any questions, at 319-404-1922. Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tessa Willie', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tessa Willie
Owner

July 20, 2021

Special Projects Administrator
Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)
200 East Grand Ave
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Rural Waukon – OCIO #6 application

To Ms. Turba:

I am a current city council member and longtime resident of Waukon. I am lucky enough to have high-speed, point-to-point wireless internet provided by Allamakee Clayton Cooperative. The reliability and speed is unmatched by any provider in town.

After receiving poor reliability and service from our initial provider, CenturyLink, my wife and I sought out the only other option in town, Mediacom. Mediacom would not service our address. After multiple attempts and offering to pay for the installation, they still refused to service our address.

High-speed internet is important to my family. My wife has previously worked remotely and is currently completing an online teaching degree. I am a teacher in the Allamakee Community School District. I often need internet for my work at home. Additionally, we have connected with our family doctor via tele-health during the pandemic.

Please approve the Rural Waukon application for fiber. Waukon residents and businesses would benefit greatly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Benjamin J. Rausch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'R'.

Benjamin Rausch
Waukon City Resident
Waukon City Council
Allamakee Community School District Teacher

SHERIFF**ALLAMAKEE COUNTY***SHERIFF CLARK A. MELICK*

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RE: Rural Waukon Fiber Project

The Allamakee County Sheriff's Office is in support of the Rural Waukon Fiber Project. As technology has advanced, we have seen the need for dependable broadband connectivity throughout Allamakee County.

With the onset of Covid-19, we observed an increased need for this service as people began to rely on the internet for critical needs such as tele-health, distance learning, tele-work and virtual connections with family members as this forced changes in our society. Without a dependable network, these needs will go unmet in areas within Allamakee County.

We are able to offer tele-psych services for incarcerated individuals to provide mental health services to stabilize an individual who are in need of services. The use of this type of technology allows the administration of these services to be expedited. Having access reliable broadband would allow those individuals to continue these important services and expand other services as needed.

We feel that it is imperative to continue to build out a dependable fiber network that provides all residents with dependable services to meet current and future needs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Clark A. Mellick".

Clark A. Mellick - Sheriff