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409811 - Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa - NOFA #006 - Final Application

415361 - Farmers and Merchants (FarmTel) Pekin NW Jefferson Project Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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City*

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City

Iowa

State/Province

52654

Postal Code/Zip

Phone:*

319-256-2736

Phone

5213

Ext.

Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company

Organization Type:*

Other

DUNS:

Organization Website:

farmtelcommunications.com

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Vendor Number

Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

Name* Ray Fear
Title* Chief Operating Officer
Organization* Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
Address* 210 W Main St

City/State/Zip* Wayland Iowa 52654
City State Zip
Telephone Number* 319-256-2736
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Fiscal Officer/Agent

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

Name* Ray Fear
Title
Organization
Address

City/State/Zip Iowa
City State Zip
Telephone Number
E-Mail
County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Jefferson County
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Business Organization - NOFA #006

Please list the business legal name as it is used by federal and state taxing agencies, banks, and for other legal purposes.

Business Legal Name* Farmers and Merchants Mutual Telephone Company
Doing Business As: Farmtel
Physical Address
Street * 210 W Main St
City* Wayland
State* IA
Zip* 52654
Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)
Street or PO Box * 210 W Main St
City* Wayland
State* IA
Zip Code* 52654

Applicant Business Structure

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

Identification of whether the Applicant is a subsidiary of one or more parent companies.

Are you a subsidiary of one or more parent companies?* No

Executive Project Summary NOFA #006

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

Are state 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 state funds requested are not ultimately awarded.* FarmTel would need matching funds from the State in order to financially support a very rural project for this large area in NW Jefferson County.

Has construction on the project begun?* No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Estimated Staking complete	03/11/2022	\$0.00
Permits completed	04/22/2022	\$0.00
OSP bidding and contracts	04/22/2022	\$0.00
Distribution Fiber Construction	10/14/2022	\$0.00
Drop construction	10/14/2022	\$0.00
OLT equipment installation	08/05/2022	\$0.00
Install CPE and cut-over	10/28/2022	\$0.00
Turn up and testing	10/28/2022	\$0.00
Close out - complete	12/31/2022	\$0.00

Demonstrated Experience NOFA #006

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; history of organization; number of years in business; number of years of experience providing the types of services sought by this NOFA #006; 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 #006.

Demonstrated Experience* [415361-FarmersMerchantsMutualTelCoDemonstratedExperience .docx](#)

References

Name	Jenny Batton - Bank
Telephone Number	319-256-5000
Name	William Rex - Customer
Telephone Number	641-919-2182
Name	Russell Capps
Telephone Number	641-777-5040

Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

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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

*

COO and General Manager

Ray

Fear

Title

First Name

Last Name

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 2.2.6.6. and 7.18 of the NOFA #006.

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 7.18.1 of the NOFA #006, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the the confidentiality of the application pursuant to 7.18.4 of the NOFA #006.

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 #006, 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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Public Redacted Copy

Optional Upload: A letter from a professional engineer certifying that the proposed Project design will be capable of simultaneously Facilitating 100/100 Broadband or 100/20 Broadband, as applicable, to the Total Broadband Units Facilitated as represented in Applicant's proposed Project.

Professional Engineer Project Certification Letter

[415361 Farmers Merchants PE Letter Pekin.pdf](#)

Broadband Grants Program Grant Agreement - Exhibit E

Have you read and do you accept the terms and conditions set forth in the grant agreement (Exhibit E)?*

Yes

Certification, Authorization, and Release of Information - Exhibit F

Certification Letter (Public)*

[415361 - Farmers Merchants Mutual Tel Co Exhibit_F.pdf](#)

Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)*

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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 %)
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Conduit		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Fiber/Copper	Cable material cost	\$201,502.00	\$0.00	\$201,502.00	49.09	\$98,917.33
OSP Engineering		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Design Engineering		\$86,575.00	\$0.00	\$86,575.00	49.09	\$42,499.67
Construction Mgmt.		\$86,575.00	\$0.00	\$86,575.00	49.09	\$42,499.67
Tower		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Antenna		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Boring		\$154,951.00	\$0.00	\$154,951.00	49.09	\$76,065.45
Trenching		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing		\$506,904.00	\$0.00	\$506,904.00	49.09	\$248,839.17
Switching Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Routing Equipment		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Optical Equipment	Calix shelf, cabinet and tower equipment	\$115,000.00	\$0.00	\$115,000.00	49.09	\$56,453.50
Customer Premise Equipment	ONTs, drops, NIDs, cutover, customer equipment	\$189,060.00	\$0.00	\$189,060.00	49.09	\$92,809.55
Other	splicing, peds, grounding, rock excavating	\$306,783.00	\$0.00	\$306,783.00	49.09	\$150,599.77
Totals		\$1,647,350.00	\$0.00	\$1,647,350.00		\$808,684.11

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