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

415776 - Rural Iowa FTTH - Harpers Ferry, Ossian, Clermont, and Ft Atkinson exchanges
Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Program Area of Interest*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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Organization Information

Organization Name:*

Ace Telephone Association

Organization Type:*

Other

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Cover Sheet-General Information**Authorized Official**

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Title* Chief Financial Officer (CFO)
Organization* AcenTek (Ace Telephone Association)
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.
Address* 207 E. Cedar St.

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Telephone Number* 507-896-3192
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Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

Name* Darren Moser
Title
Organization
Address

City/State/Zip Iowa
City State Zip

Telephone Number

E-Mail

County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal* Allamakee County, Clayton County, Fayette County, Winneshiek County

Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 1st - Rep. Ashley Hinson
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Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 26, 28, 32
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Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal* 51, 55, 56, 64
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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* Ace Telephone Association
Doing Business As: AcenTek

Physical Address

Street * 207 E. Cedar St.
City* Houston
State* MN
Zip* 55943

Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)

Street or PO Box * 207 E. Cedar St.
City* Houston
State* MN
Zip Code* 55943

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.*

Without the State grant funds, this project is unable to proceed. Most of the locations are part of AcenTek's traditional, incumbent telephone exchange, and these locations will not get service for 7-10 years, depending on the availability of internally generated capital.

In addition, this project includes a number of locations that fall outside of AcenTek's tradition, cooperative exchange boundaries; those locations will not get built at all by AcenTek without the State funds.

Has construction on the project begun?* No

Project Status

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Grant Award	09/17/2021	\$0.00
Detailed Design	12/31/2021	\$0.00
Fiber Cable Order/Delivery	12/31/2022	\$0.00
Field Staking	12/31/2022	\$0.00
Detailed Engineering	02/28/2023	\$0.00
Environmental Review/Approval	05/31/2022	\$0.00
Contractor Bid Process	06/30/2022	\$0.00
Utility Permit Process	07/30/2022	\$0.00
Locating	02/28/2024	\$0.00
Construction	11/30/2024	\$0.00
Clean-up	11/30/2024	\$0.00
As-Built Mapping/Records	03/31/2025	\$0.00
Activation/Cutover	04/30/2025	\$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* [415776 - AcenTek - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

References

Name Angie Dickison, Exec. Director, MN DEED Broadband
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Name 4 of 5

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Telephone Number

Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

[415776 - AcenTek - Community Support Letters.pdf](#)**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

*	Chief Financial Officer	Darren	Moser
	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* [415776 - AcenTek - Core Application.xlsm](#)

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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 [415776 - AcenTek - Engineer Certification.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)*

[415776 - AcenTek - Exhibit F.pdf](#)**Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G**

Form 22 (Public)*

415776 - AcenTek - Exhibit G.pdf

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	Includes all labor and materials associated with UD construction units (Underground Conduit)	\$1,986,427.48	\$16,559.98	\$2,002,987.46	51.0	\$1,021,523.60
Fiber/Copper	Includes all labor and materials associated with buried Fiber Cable placement construction units, including BD (Housing Stub Poles), BDO (Fiber Optic Housings), BFO (Filled Fiber Optic Cable), BH (Han	\$11,592,291.74	\$108,332.20	\$11,700,623.94	51.0	\$5,967,318.21
OSP Engineering	Engineering (pre-construction, construction inspection, post-construction)	\$3,070,805.76	\$29,907.66	\$3,100,713.42	51.0	\$1,581,363.84
Design Engineering	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Construction Mgmt.	n/a	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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	Includes all labor and material associated with BM60 and BM61 construction units (Boring)	\$4,250,954.76	\$41,312.65	\$4,292,267.41	51.0	\$2,189,056.38
Trenching	n/a (included in Fiber/Copper associated construction units)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
Knifing	n/a (included in Fiber/Copper associated construction units)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0	\$0.00
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	(Exhibit D only): Customer ONT (Optical Network Terminals) equipment capable of either GPON or Active mode of operation	\$943,200.00	\$0.00	\$943,200.00	51.0	\$481,032.00
Customer Premise Equipment	(Exhibit D only): OLT (Optical Line Terminal) equipment to support GPON or Active ONT network	\$471,600.00	\$0.00	\$471,600.00	51.0	\$240,516.00
Other	(Exhibit D): Includes all labor, material and fees for ROW Permits, Customer Installations, Electrician for 5% of customers, and Cutover to new network; (Exhibit D.1): Permits	\$1,342,207.20	\$503.50	\$1,342,710.70	51.0	\$684,782.46
Totals		\$23,657,486.94	\$196,615.99	\$23,854,102.93		\$12,165,592.49

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