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Jerry Valley, Mayor
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July 19, 2021

Darren Moser, CFO
AcenTek
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Dear Mr. Moser,

As Mayor of Harpers Ferry, Iowa, I want to take this opportunity to communicate my support for all efforts to build fiber optics in our city. I highly recommend AcenTek as a potential recipient for a grant from the State of Iowa that would help fund this project that is very crucial to a small town like Harpers Ferry.

I realize the cost for this endeavor is great especially due to the rural nature of our community, but that makes it even more vital that advanced technology be available to our families. Faster and more dependable internet is an essential part of helping our students and remote workers have the tools they need to do their best work and be successful.

In closing, please be assured that Harpers Ferry is fully supportive of AcenTek being awarded a grant for the purpose of funding installation of fiber optics in Harpers Ferry, Iowa.

Sincerely,


Jerry C. Valley
Mayor



**NORTHEAST IOWA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

July 21, 2021

Mr. Darren Moser
CFO
AcenTek
PO Box 360
Houston, MN 55943

RE: Residential fiber optics

Dear Mr. Moser,

We understand part of your firm's strategic plan is to bring faster internet and more reliable services to communities in Iowa and within our district. This certainly is a need for our communities and students. It was a very trying time for many this last year when our students were learning from home due to the Covid virus and were in areas of weak or no internet service.

Our on-line classes continue to grow as a request from our students. Many who are juggling their education with full and part-time employment and family responsibilities need flexibility in their education schedules. A more stable internet environment would certainly be advantageous for them.

We wish you the best in your efforts to bring these services to our communities.

Sincerely,

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EASTERN ALLAMAKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
569 Center Street
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July 20, 2021

TO: Darren Moser, CFO, AcenTek
FROM: Dr. Dale Crozier, Superintendent
RE: Recommendation for Fiber Expansion

Dear Mr. Moser,

Please consider this letter which is in support of AcenTek who wants to bring high-speed internet services to the area. This will include homes in Harpers Ferry, and Lansing, and this will improve the educational services to students in this area. I support all efforts to increase broadband services, as this is a current and extreme need. The COVID-19 pandemic caused us to greatly increase our online learning. Now that we are hopefully in the aftermath of the pandemic, we will still need to continue the process, and continue to increase our online services. Many of our homes are of lower income, and it is difficult for these families to find the resources for online learning and distance education. This technology is now with us, and it will continue, and therefore it is critical going forward that we have these services available to our families.

In review of the proposed grant request, the existing services available to residents and businesses do not meet current needs. In our district some families have a greater ability to access high quality broadband than others. Considering that this expansion would be capable of serving customers with speeds up to 1 Gbps or even greater in the future, this project would greatly increase the ability of families and businesses to move into 21st Century learning models, and level the playing field for all. Please consider them heavily for this award as it will be a win-win solution for education in Northeast Iowa.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dale Crozier
Superintendent, MFL MarMac

July 20, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The Office of Broadband Development at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development is pleased to provide this letter of reference for AcenTek in Houston, Minnesota. During the past five years, AcenTek has received four Border-to-Border Broadband Development grants totaling over \$8,000,000 for building broadband infrastructure in unserved and underserved areas of southeastern Minnesota. The Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program is administered by the Office of Broadband Development, which can attest to AcenTek's ability to successfully develop broadband infrastructure with grant funds.

Of the four Border-to-Border Broadband Development projects for which AcenTek has been granted funds from the State of Minnesota, two have been successfully completed with all goals met and expenses under budget. Two of AcenTek's Border-to-Border Broadband Development projects are in progress; both are on target to meet grant goals and to be completed on schedule. The fact that AcenTek has been consistently selected for funding through the competitive Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program is an indication of its ability to implement grant-funded broadband infrastructure projects.

For additional details regarding the Border-to-Border Broadband Development grants awarded to AcenTek, please visit <https://mn.gov/deed/programs-services/broadband/grant-program/>. The tabs for each grant round include short descriptions of the grant-funded projects. If you require more information or have any questions, please reach out to the Minnesota Office of Broadband Development at DEED.Broadband@state.mn.us or 651-259-7610.

Sincerely,

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Angie Dickison
Executive Director
Office of Broadband Development