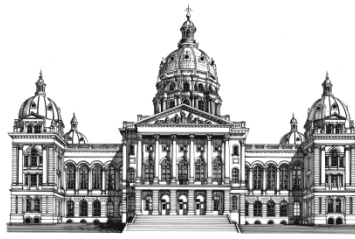


Todd Prichard
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HOME ADDRESS
107 Ferguson Street
Charles City, Iowa 50616
(641) 220-0798



House of Representatives
State of Iowa
Eighty-Ninth General Assembly
STATEHOUSE
Des Moines, Iowa 50319

COMMITTEES
Administration and Rules

July 13, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for OmniTel Communications (OmniTel) broadband plan for portions of rural northern Iowa would address the lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. Due to OmniTel's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities and their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, I am confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural north central Iowa.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural north central Iowa are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. Because of the rural nature of the area, students do not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students may lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, OmniTel's proposed expansion will enable the residents of rural north central Iowa to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I respectfully ask you to consider OmniTel's proposal for their fiber project in rural north central Iowa. It is extremely important that state broadband grant funding be obtained to provide service to this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd Prichard".

Rep. Todd Prichard, House District 52

AMANDA RAGAN

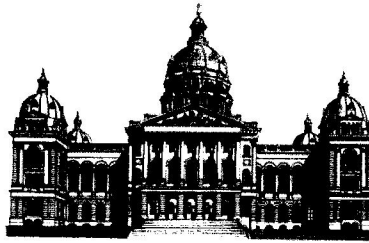
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State of Iowa

Eighty-Ninth General Assembly

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MINORITY WHIP**COMMITTEES**Agriculture
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Subcommittee, *Ranking Member*

July 15, 2021

Office of the Chief Information Officer of the State of Iowa
200 E. Grand Ave.
Des Moines, IA 50309

RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

The purpose of this letter is to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for OmniTel Communications (OmniTel). Their broadband plan for portions of rural northern Iowa would address a verifiable lack of adequate broadband Internet access and connectivity in the area. I can make this recommendation due to OmniTel's long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at modern speeds to other rural communities. This coupled with their strong reputation for customer service and community commitment, allows me to be confident in their capability to enhance broadband service for the residents of rural north central Iowa.

As an underserved area with limited modern Internet services, residents of rural north central Iowa are faced with many challenges, such as limited medical resources and distance barriers between patients, physicians, and facilities. During the Covid Pandemic, students often did not receive equitable broadband resources as compared to those in more urban areas. Rural students can also lack the opportunity for research, distance learning, video, and other tools that advanced broadband can deliver.

With funding assistance from the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant program, OmniTel's proposed expansion will enable the residents of our area to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to their fingertips. Additionally, I feel strongly that this project will enable greater collaboration and teamwork between community service centers, public safety offices, county offices, and municipal offices.

I strongly encourage you to approve OmniTel's fiber project proposal for rural north central Iowa. It is vital that state broadband grant funding be allocated to provide much needed services to this area.

Sincerely,

Senator Amanda Ragan



**Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock
Community School District**

July 19, 2021

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Des Moines, IA 50309
Phone: (515) 281-5503

RE: Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Program – NOFA #006

Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

As the superintendent of the Rudd Rockford Marble Rock CSD, I know the importance of expanding access to state-of-the-art broadband services is extremely important. I would like to express my full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant Application for OmniTel Communications (OmniTel). They have a long and successful history of providing exceptional communications services within the State of Iowa. OmniTel has a strong reputation for excellent customer service and commitment.

The Rudd Rockford Marble Rock CSD utilizes broadband connection every day and greatly enhances learning opportunities for our students in the classroom. Education will continue to evolve, and it is very evident that digital learning will continue to play a crucial role. It is critical for all students in our school district to have access to reliable, high speed Internet at home and in the community. Without advanced broadband, the learning opportunities for a percentage of our students will be greatly limited.

Currently Omnitel provides our school building with Internet access and they also manage our network. We are happy to have their service as our teachers and students enjoy fast reliable internet access. This allows the RRMCR community to reach out to the world and participate in learning outside of the classroom. Our hope is that by receiving appropriate funding Omnitel will be able to provide their service to our entire community and communities like ours.

OmniTel has a long and successful history of providing state-of-the-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, I am confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service in our area and others.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Todd Liechty'.

Todd Liechty
Superintendent of Schools

*The Rudd-Rockford-Marble Rock Community School District
in partnership with the community is committed to providing an environment conducive to developing lifelong learners capable of being
successful, responsible, contributing members of an ever-changing world.*

July 19, 2021

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Because of the rural nature of our area, our students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. Our community currently lacks the research; distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to a rural school. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to our area.

OmniTel has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to other rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service for potential rural patrons of Charles City, Iowa.

Sincerely,


Avenue of Homes, Inc
1769 Hwy 18/218
Charles City, IA 50616

July 19, 2021

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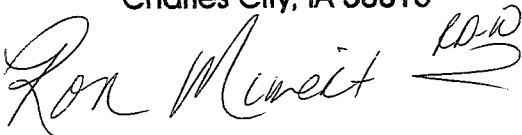
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Sincerely,

Cedar River Harley-Davidson Shop
1750 Cedar View Road
Charles City, IA 50616

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Mueit", followed by a stylized flourish or mark.

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Sincerely,

Brandon & Marlene Fox
Fox Woodcraft
1763 Highway 18 and 218
Charles City, IA 50616
641-330-1406

July 19, 2021

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Sincerely,

Metal Wholesale LLC
Daniel Zimmerman
1767 Hwy 18 #218
Charles City IA 50606

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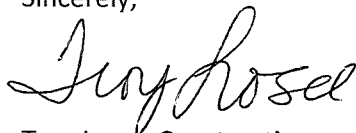
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With the assistance of this grant, OmniTel's expanded broadband network will enable others to overcome geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to together through the touch of a keyboard. As a formerly unserved rural area with limited availability to advanced Internet services, we understand how they face many challenges including limited medical resources and distance between patients, physicians, specialists and facilities. Because of the nature of our area, many rural students do not receive equitable broadband resources as other students in more urban learning centers. Underserved rural communities currently lack the research; distance learning, video and other tools that advanced broadband can bring to a rural school. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provide much needed broadband service to our rural northern Iowa area.

OmniTel has a long and successful history of providing state-of-art broadband service at advanced speeds to its rural communities and has a strong reputation for community commitment and customer service, we are confident in their capabilities of enhancing broadband service to additional rural areas close to their serving area(s).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Troy Losee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Troy Losee Construction
24328 210th St.
Rockford, IA 50468
641-430-8284

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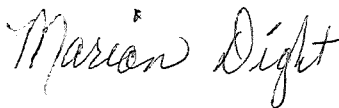
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We strongly urge the Chief Information Officer and Review Committee to fund this Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in OmniTel's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marion Dight". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

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Sincerely,

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July 19, 2021

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chief Information Officer and Review Committee:

I am writing this letter on behalf of OmniTel Communications (OmniTel). As a resident and farmer of Rudd, Iowa, we would like to express our full support of the Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application for OmniTel. They have a long and successful history of providing state-of-art communications services within the State of Iowa. OmniTel has a strong reputation for community commitment and strong customer service. We are confident in OmniTel's capabilities for enhancing broadband service for those residing in rural north Iowa.

With the assistance from the broadband grant, OmniTel will be able to enhance the broadband connectivity with a fiber network design. This fiber build will enable residents to overcome some geographical distances, empower them through information, and bring the world to them through a few simple strokes of a keyboard.

As a local area grain and livestock producer, we use advancements in technology to help manage crops more effectively and efficiently. We use technology to map fields for maximum grain production. Farmers in the rural Rudd area use broadband for soil mapping which aids in their seed and fertilizer application, GPS systems for precision farming, as well as for irrigation and grain bin monitoring. Fiber to the home connections offer endless opportunities for monitoring services, livestock feed and environment monitoring, security, video surveillance, energy management, and GPS tracking. Therefore, it is extremely important that broadband grant funding be obtained to provision for much needed broadband service to our rural area.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Jones", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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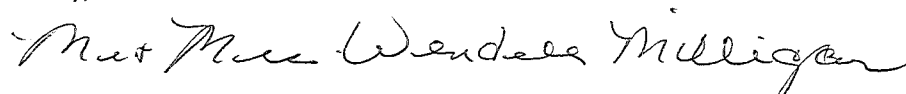
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We strongly urge the Chief Information Officer and Review Committee to fund this Empower Rural Iowa, Emergency Broadband Expansion Grant application, not only will this help with sustaining the future of advanced broadband services in OmniTel's proposed funded service area, but also promoting the future economic stability of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Sittern". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

July 19, 2021

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