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

#### 418572 - Sioux Rapids

#### Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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### Applicant Information

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Mohning

Last Name

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PO Box 330

**City\***

Remsen

City

Iowa

State/Province

51050

Postal Code/Zip

**Phone:\***

712-786-5563

Phone

Ext.

**Program Area of Interest\***

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

**Fax:**

712-786-9450

**Agency**

#### Organization Information

**Organization Name:\***

West Iowa Telephone Company

**Organization Type:\***

For-Profit – Privately Held

**DUNS:**

09-467-8828

**Organization Website:**

www.westelsystems.com

**Address:**

12 E 3rd St

PO Box 330

**Phone:**

712-786-1181

Ext.

**Fax:**

712-786-1185

**Benefactor**
**Vendor Number**

**Cover Sheet-General Information****Authorized Official**

**Name\*** Robert Gannon  
**Title\*** CEO  
**Organization\*** West Iowa Telephone Company  
*If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.*  
**Address\*** 012 E. 3rd Street  
PO Box 330  
**City/State/Zip\*** Remsen Iowa 51050  
City State Zip  
**Telephone Number\*** 712-786-1181  
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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\*** Kristine Mohning  
**Title**  
**Organization**  
**Address**  
**City/State/Zip** Iowa  
City State Zip  
**Telephone Number**  
**E-Mail**  
**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Buena Vista 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\*** West Iowa Telephone Company  
**Doing Business As:** WesTel Systems

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 012 E 3rd Street  
**City\*** Remsen  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip\*** 51050

**Mailing Address (used for warrants and/or payments)**

**Street or PO Box \*** PO Box 330  
**City\*** Remsen  
**State\*** IA  
**Zip Code\*** 51050

**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.\*

The city of Sioux Rapids has been identified as a community lacking sufficient broadband service. West Iowa Telephone Company (WesTel Systems) is poised to build an advanced broadband system in town with a future-proof fiber network providing up to 1 Gb symmetrical service. WesTel currently has an active fiber to the local school and is in a position to expand on that infrastructure to provide superior broadband service to businesses and residents. Due to the magnitude of the project, a full over-build of the town, it is necessary for us to request grant funds to off-set the cost to build a full fiber network with gig-capable broadband and other exceptional services to this area. If grant funds are not received, this project will not proceed.

Has construction on the project begun? \* No

**Project Status**

Project Milestone	Estimated Completion date	Costs Incurred
Engineering	12/31/2021	\$80,000.00
Construction	06/30/2023	\$905,600.00
Cutover and completion	12/31/2023	\$655,000.00

**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\* [418572 - West Iowa Telephone - Demonstrated Experience.docx](#)

**References**

Name	Codi Irlmeier (Irlmeier Family Farms)
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Name	Kim Frericks
Telephone Number	712-540-7259
Name	Wade Cowan
Telephone Number	712-229-9745

## Community Support Letter

Community Support Letter

### 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

*	Accounting Manager	Kristine	Mohning
	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 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\* [418572 - West Iowa Telephone - 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 [418572 - West Iowa Telephone - PE Letter.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)\* [418572 - West Iowa Telephone - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

### Request for Confidentiality or Form 22 - Exhibit G

Form 22 (Public)\* [418572 - West Iowa Telephone - Exhibit G.pdf](#)

### Project Budget

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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	Conduit material cost		\$0.00		48.48	
Fiber/Copper	Cable material cost		\$0.00		48.48	
OSP Engineering			\$0.00		0	
Design Engineering			\$0.00		48.48	
Construction Mgmt.			\$0.00		48.48	
Tower			\$0.00		0	
Antenna			\$0.00		0	
Boring			\$0.00		48.48	
Trenching			\$0.00		0	
Knifing			\$0.00		0	
Switching Equipment			\$0.00		0	
Routing Equipment			\$0.00		0	
Optical Equipment	Calix shelf, cabinet, power equipment		\$0.00		48.48	
Customer Premise Equipment	ONT's, drops, NIDs, cutover, customer equipment		\$0.00		48.48	
Other	Splicing, peds, grounding		\$0.00		48.48	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$1,637,914.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,637,914.00</b>		<b>\$794,060.71</b>

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