

ComElec Internet Services has worked with multiple counties in Iowa and Wisconsin for over 3 years to provide Internet access to area businesses and residents. Iowa communities they have worked with include but are not limited to: Dubuque, Dyersville, Peosta, Epworth, Farley, Manchester, Monticello, Asbury, Delhi, Strawberry Point, Arlington, Andrew, Maquoketa, Edgewood, Garnavillo, Colesburg, Greeley, Holy Cross, New Vienna, Worthington, and Hopkinton. They have also cultivated relationships with many businesses in eastern Iowa including independent farmers and crop storage operators. They are a small company based out of Dubuque, IA with 45 employees, but their customer service and knowledge base along with dedication to providing affordable internet to area residents make them stand out amongst larger companies.

ComElec Internet Services started in January 2015. Tim Burbach, the owner, previously owned You Squared (ComElec Internet Services' then parent company) from 2003 to 2013. The company was then sold to JAB Broadband. After two years and customers urging Mr. Burbach to re-enter the market place, he started ComElec Internet Services and purchased assets back from JAB Broadband.

ComElec offers fiber-optic and fixed wireless high-speed internet to residential and commercial customers and, since their inception in 2015, have grown to service thousands of customers. Of these customers, approximately 60 to 70% are in Iowa and the remaining are in Wisconsin and Illinois. Typically, the pricing is \$40-\$60 for residential customers, and \$70-\$100 for business customers. To access additional information and to see customer reviews, please visit: www.comelecinternet.com or <https://www.facebook.com/ComelecInternet/>. You are also welcome to contact Tim Burbach at 563-556-6526 or timburbach@yousq.net.

While ComElec has not been awarded any grants to date in Iowa, ComElec has been awarded two PSC Broadband Grants from the State of Wisconsin in the past. ComElec installed fixed wireless broadband equipment for last mile and middle mile on the project for the surrounding communities to connect into the ComElec network. For the first grant, ComElec completed 2 of 3 tower sites and was unable to complete the third tower for the grant proposed in the Village of Gratiot due to lack of an adequate parcel to install a tower. The second grant was completed in December of 2020 in which they were able to work to bring broadband to Woodford in Wiota Township under a very tight deadline after being awarded CARES Act funding.

Over the past several years ComElec has installed equipment on 50 tower sites for coverage in Iowa and is serving broadband to several thousand customers. They worked with landowners and communities to find suitable sites and constructed them to bring reliable service to those areas.