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## Application

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## 427424 - Empower Rural Iowa, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds ("CSLFRF")-NOFA #007 - Final Application

### 433571 - Rural WC

#### Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

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City\*

Sioux Center

City

Iowa

State/Province

51250

Postal Code/Zip

Phone:\*

712-722-3451

Phone

Ext.

Program Area of Interest\*

Broadband Grant Program - Empower Rural Iowa

Fax:

Agency

#### Organization Information

Organization Name:\*

Platinum Connect, LLC

Organization Type:\*

Private

DUNS:

Organization Website:

Address:

339 1st Ave NE

City

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51250

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Phone:

712-722-3451

Ext.

Fax:

Benefactor

Vendor Number

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

**Name\*** Ryan Boone

**Title\*** COO

**Organization\*** Platinum Connect LLC  
If you are an individual, please provide your First and Last Name.

**Address\*** 339 1st Ave. NE

**City/State/Zip\*** Sioux Center Iowa 51250  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number\*** 712-722-3451

**E-Mail\*** rboone@mypremieronline.com

**Fiscal Officer/Agent**

Please enter the "Fiscal Officer" for your Organization.

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

**Name\*** Ryan Boone

**Title**

**Organization**

**Address**

**City/State/Zip** Iowa  
City State Zip

**Telephone Number**

**E-Mail**

**County(ies) Participating, Involved, or Affected by this Proposal\*** Hamilton County, Wright County

**Congressional District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 4th - Rep Randy Feenstra  
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**Iowa Senate District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 4, 24  
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**Iowa House District(s) Involved or Affected by this Proposal\*** 8, 48  
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**Business Organization - NOFA #007**

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\*** Platinum Connect LLC

**Doing Business As:** Platinum Connect

**Are you a local government, non-profit, and/or cooperative?\*** No

**Physical Address**

**Street \*** 620 2nd St., Suite 2

**City\*** Webster City

**State\*** IA

*United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)*

**Zip\*** 50595

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

**Street or PO Box \*** 339 1st Ave. NE

**City\*** Sioux Center

**State\*** IA  
*United States ZIP code (five digits) concentrated with the additional +4 digits where the vendor is physically located (e.g., 50312-5307)*  
**Zip Code\*** 51250

### Applicant Business Structure and Eligibility

*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

**Are you the entity that will be performing the proposed work, or an entity with a substantial ownership interest in the entity that will be both performing the proposed work and offering/Facilitating last-mile connection to homes and businesses?\*** 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

### Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Requirements

*All eligible applicants are also required to have an active registration with the System for Award Management (SAM) (<https://www.sam.gov>). Please upload a PDF of your organization's status.*

**SAM.gov\*** [433571 - Platinum Connect - SAM.pdf](#)

*A DUNS number is a unique nine-character number used to identify your organization. The federal government uses the DUNS number to track how federal money is allocated. Please visit this website for additional information: <https://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization-registration/step-1-obtain-duns-number.html>*

**DUNS Number\*** 118323267

*Enter your organization's Federal Tax Identification Number.*

**Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)\*** 86-2740333

### Eligibility and Demonstrated Experience

*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 #007; 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 #007.*

**Demonstrated Experience\*** [433571 - Platinum Connect - Demonstrated Experience.pdf](#)

### References

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<b>Name</b>	Dave Krahling
<b>Telephone Number</b>	712-722-0761

### 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 #007.*

**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 #007, the Office shall be relieved from any responsibility for maintaining the the confidentiality of

*the application pursuant to 7.18.4 of the NOFA #007.*

*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 #007, 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.*

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*Wireless projects must demonstrate infrastructure deployed as a function of the project contains adequate backhaul capabilities to support stated broadband delivery speeds to the entire coverage area listed in Exhibit B. See Exhibit I - Wireless Project Design.*

Are you implementing a wireless project?\* No

### **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)\* [433571 - Platinum Connect - Exhibit F.pdf](#)

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

Form 22 (Public)\* [433571 - Platinum Connect - Exhibit G.pdf](#)

### **Product Pricing Form - Exhibit L**

*Please upload Exhibit L Product Pricing Form. The attachment should be a PDF (remember to sign) and be titled "Application Number - Applicant Name - Exhibit L.*

Exhibit L Product Pricing Form\* [433571 - Platinum Connect - Exhibit L.pdf](#)

### **Executive Project Summary NOFA #007**

*No costs may be incurred prior to March 3, 2021.*

Estimated Project Construction Start Date\* 04/01/2023

*The project must be completed no later than September 30, 2026.*

Estimated Project Completion Date\* 12/31/2025

Has construction on the project begun?\* No

*By stating federal funds are necessary to proceed, the applicant is confirming that the project would not be built out to these eligible areas and completed by September 30, 2026 without this funding.*

Are federal funds necessary for the project to proceed?\* Yes

Are you applying for a project that will facilitate 100/20 Broadband?\* No

*Please include the technology type, facilitated speed and the project area. You may also include information regarding any middle-mile subcontractors that will be facilitating middle mile services.*

Briefly describe your project. \*  
Platinum Connect will construct a FTTP network architecture where every eligible Broadband Unit within rural Webster City has access to a dedicated fiber and 1G/1G service. Middle mile and 2nd mile transport will be fully redundant and diverse.

By checking this box Applicant certifies, to the best of it's knowledge, that neither Applicant nor any other known Communications Service Provider or other entity has been awarded federal funds for the construction of 25/3 wireline broadband or faster, which funds may include but are not limited to RDOF, ACAM, or other sources of federal funding, for previous or current Broadband infrastructure projects in the Eligible Area(s) forming this basis of Applicant's proposed Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this certification does not apply to projects that may have received other sources of American Rescue Plan Funding.\*

Yes

Total Project costs are defined as the total costs/expenditures comprising a Project, and for which the Applicant/Grantee may seek reimbursement from the Office. Refer to Section 1.5.2 (Total Project Costs).

Does your total project cost exceed \$10 Million?\*

No

### Project Budget

Category	Description	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D)	Total Estimated Cost \$ (Exhibit D1)	Total Estimated Project Budget (D+D1)	Requested Grant Support % (up to 60%)	Grant Request (Est. Cost * Request %)
Conduit (DC1)			\$0.00		0	
Fiber/Copper (DC2)	Materials and Drop Fiber - Materials & Installation (168 miles)		\$0.00		56.99	
OSP Engineering (DC3)	Engineering		\$0.00		56.99	
Design Engineering (DC4)			\$0.00		0	
Construction Mgmt. (DC5)			\$0.00		0	
Tower (DC6)			\$0.00		0	
Antenna (DC7)			\$0.00		0	
Boring (DC8)			\$0.00		0	
Trenching (DC9)			\$0.00		0	
Knifing (DC10)			\$0.00		0	
Switching Equipment (DC11)			\$0.00		0	
Routing Equipment (DC12)			\$0.00		0	
Optical Equipment (DC13)	FTTP Electronics (CO Electronics & ONT's)		\$0.00		56.99	
Customer Premise Equipment (DC14)			\$0.00		0	
Other (DC15)			\$0.00		0	
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$7,640,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$7,640,000.00</b>		<b>\$4,354,036.00</b>

### Minority Impact Statement

Does the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or unique **positive impact** on minority persons? \*

Yes

Describe the positive impact expected from this project.

The proposed project will have a unique, positive impact on person's with a disability and the Latino/Hispanic community, specifically those that are currently students in school. Certain students are unable to succeed in traditional, in-person classroom training and yet these same students are able to excel utilizing online-training or online ESL that is made possible by a high-capacity fiber network envisioned by this project.

Detail the rationale for the existence of the proposed program or policy.

The Project does not include a specific proposed program or policy designed to impact minority persons; however, part of the rational for the Project is to give minority persons the same opportunities afforded to non-minority persons and access to the Internet can be an equalizer for all persons.

Indicate the group(s) positively impacted.

Persons with a Disability, Latinos

Could the proposed grant program or policy have a disproportionate or

No

unique negative impact on minority persons? \*

I hereby certify the information above is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.\* Yes

\*

COO

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First Name

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Last Name

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